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Jaguar workers vote to strike

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

Workers at the newly and profitably privatized Jaguar car company yesterday voted to strike from next Thursday in support of a £25 a week pay rise.

The company said that would deal a massive blow to its financial performance and jeopardize its growing share of the United States luxury car market.

Management insisted that there was no question of the company being forced into a higher offer.

Union leaders claimed the 22 per cent offer over two years was worth about 14 per cent in new money and would not allow the 7,000 workers to share in the company's success.

But management said the workers were the highest paid in the motor industry and the offer would keep them top of the league.

Meanwhile, Austin Rover appealed to its 28,000 workers to vote against industrial action.

NUJ says bingo is illegal

Bingo games run by newspapers are illegal, according to advice obtained by the National Union of Journalists, which has received copies of the opinion that games contravene the 1976 Lotteries Act.

Sympathetic MPs have agreed to raise the matter with the Attorney General and the Director of Public Prosecutions in England and the Lord Advocate in Scotland.

If the games were declared illegal newspapers could face criminal prosecution if they continued to use them.

Unions talk on technology

Officials of the National Union of Journalists yesterday met representatives of the National Graphical Association and detailed their objections to a proposed new technology deal.

Under the NGA men at the Portsmouth News would be given jobs as sub-editors. The NUI threatened that if the deal was ratified, the NUJ would urge its chapters to negotiate deals to by-pass work traditionally done by NGA members.

Pensions talks

Talks aimed at ending the pensions strike at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, now in its twenty-fourth week, are to resume again today amid signs that useful progress is being made. The Department of Health and Social Security said last night after negotiations in Newcastle.

Aslef wait

Judgment was reserved in the High Court yesterday on a claim by the train drivers' union, Aslef, which seeks compensation for drivers suffering from nervous shock caused by suicides and other railway trespassers.

Voted down

A left-wing move to delay the return of trade unions to the National Economic Development Council was narrowly defeated at a meeting of the TUC General Council yesterday.

Labour Cabinet is blamed for DeLorean debacle

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The blame for the ill-fated DeLorean sports car project, which lost more than £70m of taxpayers' money in four years, was yesterday laid squarely on Cabinet ministers in the last Labour government.

In spite of repeated and grave warnings about the risks involved, Mr Roy Mason, then Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and his colleagues gave permission for the venture in 1978: a mistake which could not happen now, a memorandum from the province's department of finance and personnel said.

The memorandum is the Government's official response to the critical report published in July by the powerful Commons Public Committee, which said that the DeLorean project was "one of the gravest cases of the misuse of public resources for many years."

Mr Mason, who is not named in the memorandum, hoped that the car project in west Belfast would ease some of the area's acute political, social, economic and security difficulties.

Although John DeLorean's plans were described as "an extraordinarily risky venture" with "remote" chances of success by independent assessors in July 1978, the Government supported the project in principle less than three weeks later.

"The then government de-

cided as a matter of policy that the potential economic and social benefits justified taking the risks," the memorandum adds.

Mr DeLorean contributed slightly more than £500,000 to the car plant, but ministers believed that there were "positive factors" which justified pumping millions of pounds from public funds into a private company, controlled by an American, "since this was the only basis on which the project could be secured."

The memo adds: "Government policy has since changed. A project such as DeLorean would not be supported. Industrial support is made available only for projects in which substantial part of the financial resources is provided by the private sector."

"The lessons of the DeLorean experience have been learned and changes made to reflect this."

But the government reply, presented to Parliament by Mr Douglas Hurd, the new Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, implicitly absolves the team of officials which negotiated the DeLorean deal.

The same team of civil servants had been responsible for six other successful American investments in the province which were now providing 2,300 jobs.

Defeats for left boost Kinnock

Mr Neil Kinnock's authority over the Labour Party machine was consolidated yesterday as the left suffered a series of defeats which gave the centre-left coalition control of all the party's key committees.

Attempts backed by Mr Tony Benn to increase the left's strength on the party's organization, local government, home policy and finance and general purposes committees were defeated by majorities ranging from five to nine. The left-wingers Mr Doug Hoyle and Mrs Audrey Wise are expected to lose their chairmanships of the home policy and finance committees.

The left is now in a small minority on the crucial appeals and mediation committees which will deal with internal disputes over reselection. The executive agreed that party officers, including Mr Kinnock and Mr Roy Hattersley, should have the right to attend and vote at that committee.

Mr Benn was also defeated when he tried to get the executive to back the total breaking of diplomatic relations with South Africa.

The NEC appointed a delegation to discuss with the miners' union ways of assisting its campaign in the coal dispute. Mr Eric Heffer is widely expected to lose his place as a member of the Shadow Cabinet in a parliamentary ballot which closes tonight.

Steel shifts stance on cruise

By Anthony Berins,
Political Correspondent

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, has joined Dr David Owen in suggesting that the British nuclear deterrent might be kept alive by firing cruise missiles from the torpedo tubes of hunter-killer submarines.

News of the Liberal leader's conversion to Dr Owen's long-standing proposal broke at Westminster yesterday with a denial of a *Times* report that the Social Democrat leader had embarrassed Mr Steel with a suggestion that Britain might make its own nuclear warheads to be delivered by cruise missiles.

Last month's Liberal assembly in Bournemouth, reaffirmed liberal opposition to the maintenance of an independent British nuclear deterrent and called for the immediate withdrawal of American Cruise missiles.

But it was revealed last night that Mr Steel had written a confidential letter, last Friday, to the chairman of the joint Liberal-SDP alliance commission on defence policy, asking for consideration of the submarine-launched cruise as an option for the replacement of Polaris.

While this private initiative wipes out any disagreement between Mr Steel and Dr Owen, the Liberal leader has again put himself on a potentially more embarrassing collision course with his own party.



The miners' strike

Moves today to seize assets

By Frances Gibbs, Legal Affairs Correspondent

New High Court moves will be made today to seize the assets of the National Union of Mineworkers after the expiry at midnight last night of the deadline for payment of the £200,000 fine imposed for contempt of court.

Lawyers for the two Yorkshire miners who brought the contempt proceedings will apply before Mr Justice Nicholls for leave for the issuing of writs of sequestration.

The City firm of chartered accountants, Price Waterhouse, has agreed to act as Commissioners of Sequestration if the judge agrees to the writs and would act to seize the assets as soon as possible.

The same firm handled the sequestration of the assets of the South Wales area of the NUM when it failed to pay a £50,000 contempt fine at the beginning of August.

Mr Justice Nicholls imposed the £200,000 fine and one of

£1,000 on the miners' president, Mr Arthur Scargill, 14 days ago for breach of injunctions granted to the two Yorkshire miners. Those were aimed at preventing the union or its officials declaring the Yorkshire area strike official and from threatening to discipline miners who crossed picket lines.

Since the strike began £15 a week has been deducted from supplementary benefit to miners' families on the assumption that they are receiving strike pay, although no strike pay is provided by the union.

If the miners' funds are seized, he said, "the government can no longer continue to deem striking miners to be receiving strike pay."

Mr Arthur Scargill and miners' union leaders were yesterday preparing for a seige of the union headquarters in Sheffield. Mr Scargill's wife arrived at the NUM headquarters and began unloading a car load of food.

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Papers reveal NCB concessions

NUM comments on document

Officials' attendance at work - 1974 guidelines. This is a matter solely for Nacods, and does not involve the NUM at all.

Conciliation Procedure. This is a matter solely for Nacods. Supervision of work in cavities - the Hammond case. This is a matter relating to Nacods - we have certain observations but they are not relevant to the dispute between the NCB and NUM.

Closed shop. Discussion of the closed shop is a matter for Nacods - we have our own view on what agreement should be reached between the NCB and the NUM but that does not concern Nacods.

CENTRAL ISSUES

The five pits. The coal board proposal on this matter cannot be accepted - the NUM have already extracted a verbal promise from the board that the five pits will be kept open on the basis of the NUM's mining engineers' submissions. This NCB document proposals on the five pits is even less acceptable than that contained in the board's published document dated July 18, 1984. The board's South Yorkshire

Negotiation papers tabled in the confidential pit peace talks disclose how far the National Coal Board has moved, and the measure of the National Union of Mineworkers' hard line bargaining position.

The NCB has promised "completely to reconsider" its March 6 colliery closure programme, but the striking miners insist that it must be withdrawn without reservation.

The documents tabled by the Area Director have already said that if Cortonwood is relieved as proposed to being kept open in line with NUM submissions he will close it within 18 months.

March 6 proposals. The coal board's proposal to Nacods is completely unacceptable to the NUM. (a) It does not withdraw the pit closure programme; (b) it refers to "objectives for the individual Areas"; (c) its reference to the "market" and to a new set of objectives is an indication that the board will continue to pursue a closure programme.

Colliery Review Procedure - Independent Review Body. This coal board response to the Nacods request is full of dangerous terminology: (a) it refers in sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 to "closure". The board will interpret "closure" as acceptance of this as acceptance of the closure programme. (b) Even the Acas proposal tabled on the morning of October 12 provided the word "closure" is deleted is better than this.

Page 4-general comments. The reference to the market and to production opportunities in the board document are a clear departure from the NUM's position. The general tenor of this page reflects the "balance-sheet" mentality of Ian MacGregor. The NUM cannot accept this.

The final paragraph of the board's document is tantamount to saying: "If you accept the coal board's pit closure programme, then we'll discuss with you amendments to clause 3(c)."

Clause 3(c) would be irrelevant if the points referred to above were accepted, and the NUM cannot in any way agree to this coal board proposal, which projects closure programme involving 70 pits and the destruction of 70,000 jobs.

NCB observations for Nacods talks

The board accept entirely that a major component in the management of the industry depends on understanding and trust between the board and Nacods. It is the board's wish that such trust should be established and maintained.

You opened this morning by referring to a number of items previously discussed and I think agreed satisfactorily between us and indeed the board's attitude confirmed to you in recent correspondence. However, I will refer to them again so that there may be no misunderstanding.

Officials' Attendance at Work - 1974 Guidelines. The board have withdrawn the August 15 statement and management have been instructed to observe the pattern of behaviour which had been established in each area with regard to the 1974 guidelines. Arising out of this affirmation, management has been instructed that payments arising shall be paid retrospectively to all officials.

The points raised in this connection by you this morning will be pursued immediately. We hope to clarify the position later today.

two sides in the conflict were yesterday being closely studied by the NCB, the pit deputies' union, Nacods, and the TUC. Copies of both key papers in the possession of *The Times* are reproduced in full, below. The first document was tabled by the National Coal Board when it went into talks with the pit deputies on Tuesday morning. The second is a glossary with policy comments from the NUM.

It is our intention that all shifts in compliance with the 1974 guidelines are to be paid if there are questions of compliance these must be resolved promptly.

Conciliation Procedure. The board do value the conciliation procedure and it is our intention that it should be operated constructively and fairly at all times and at all levels of management.

As Mr Jones observed this morning, the essence of this will be seen in the future but you may be assured of the board's intent to obtain an arrangement satisfactory to both parties.

Supervision of Work in Cavities - the Hammond Case. As previously stated by the board to you, we reaffirm that it is our intention that the Hammond case shall be pursued constructively along the lines announced by Mr Cowan in his letter of July 17.

It is the board's purpose that the case shall go to the House of Lords on the basis of clarifying the legal ruling.

Closed Shop. As previously stated in our letter to you of September 27, the board acknowledge that we do at present recognize with you a de facto closed shop. The board agree that this arrangement should continue into the future. Should the association seek a formal agreement on this matter, however, it would have to be undertaken in compliance with current legislation.

The Five Pits. The board undertake that Polmadre, Herrington, Buscliffe Wood, Cortonwood and Sowerdown will remain open to be considered in common with all other pits under the modified Colliery Review Procedure.

March 6 Proposals. The March 6 proposals will be completely reconsidered in concert with the unions - in the light of the loss of output which has occurred as a result of the dispute and the changes in the needs of the market arising also from the circumstances of the dispute. The board will consider the proposals for the industry and revise the objectives for the individual areas. A new set of objectives will be prepared for each area to reflect the production possibilities available at the time the dispute ends.

'No Scargill surcharge' on fuel bills

By David Young,
Energy Correspondent

The Government has not decided to add the £500m cost of the miners' strike to electricity bills, as a "Scargill surcharge". Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday.

"The cost has still to be calculated. There have been increased costs because of oil burning but there have been savings - £700m planned investment in the coal industry has not been made."

Mr Walker stepped up the Government's energy conservation campaign with a speech to 1,500 company directors in London, calling on them to appoint energy managers and take advantage of government aid.

"If Britain had done as well as some of our competitors we would be spending one billion pounds a year less on energy."

As previously stated, the board are very ready to re-examine the Review Procedure and to adopt any amendments which will improve its effectiveness. The association will appreciate of course that this must be done in a way which will meet with the approval of all the parties concerned, including NUM and SACM.

The board believe that the procedure as it stands is unique and is something that we should all make work. This will, of course, require the active effort of all the parties, not just that of management.

You clearly are concerned that the arrangements should work, so that at local colliery level, as well as area level, an early and continuing understanding of the prospects of the pit concerned. We believe our plans should be readily understood and reflected in the form of five-year plans updating both quietest and production opportunities. We believe that if this is done it should remove the fear you have that actions will be taken covertly which would shorten the life expectancy of a pit without reaching an understanding among all the parties concerned.

Given that this is done we would expect that there should not be conflict over investment or other decisions. If, however, such conflict arose, that could be dealt with from that stage within the Review Procedure so that all parties could be given ample time to brief themselves adequately.

It at the end of this process, the matter was still in conflict and might lead to a shortening of a colliery's life expectancy, this question as has already happened in the past, can be referred for national consideration and, indeed, would then be subject to the Review Body and full weight given to its findings, just as would be the case in any question of a distinct closure proposal.

President at ease among the French

President Mitterrand, who told our Paris Correspondent in yesterday's interview that "History is made by its actors" yesterday proved a worthy successor to President Reagan in treading the boards at the Palace of Westminster.

The French President gave every appearance of being quite at home in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords. The room is ridiculously over-ornamented in what Britons take to be the Gothic (or, more particularly, French) manner, but is full of images that should make a patriotic Frenchman squirm. Pictures of Trafalgar and Waterloo celebrate our ancient enemies, and the gilded statue close behind the President's right shoulder was that of Henry V, the victor of Agincourt.

The President successfully affected not to notice. He was greeted by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone the Lord Chancellor, wearing a sumptuous outfit that in France would be reserved for the principal officer of some guild in the food trade. The French love dressing up, as was evidenced by the vivid informality of their own press corps, who had blithely ignored the dress rules (dress suit) for the occasion.

Lord Hailsham set out to make the French President (who dressed up as an Englishman) comfortable by improving the historical context. He referred to Asterix the Gaul. He did even better mentioning pheasants.

This was obviously intended to appeal to the Frenchman in the President who is a foodie among statesmen.

Lord Hailsham, having talked about English mispronunciation of French, which he called *Franglish*, rounded off in a French of his own, liberally larded with the word "Vive".

The warm-up man having done his stuff, the President rose. It must be an actor's greatest feat that when he speaks his lines he does not carry his audience with him. President Mitterrand overcame it with unflappable aplomb. He spoke in French.

After some dozen sentences there was a little shuffling of feet. To the horror of many in the audience, who had seen the interpreter's microphone tested for sound, the interpreter, crouching low, crept across the stage and went out of the door.

At this awful moment it dawned on us that the interpreter's microphones were not going to be used.

President Mitterrand orated confidently on. At 12.14 he made a little joke, about the Mother of Parliaments. If the Lord Chancellor had said if the audience would have burst their sides. As it was, they did not move a muscle. The President undismayed, brought in Locke, Montesquieu and Voltaire. Not many laughs there.

The President continued as if he held the audience in the palm of his elegantly waving hand. For all his words conveyed a most of those listening, he might as well have come from the famous French school of mime, but when he reached his peroration he made it recognizable by twice repeating the magic word: "Vive". He got his standing ovation.

The Speaker rose to give thanks. "We have just heard a speech which re-affirmed the long-standing friendship between our two nations," he said firmly, and risked no more.

Robin Young

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Medical tribunal says NHS should pay for anti-smoking chewing gum

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The National Health Service should pay for the anti-smoking chewing gum, Nicorette, which is available only on prescription, a medical tribunal has decided.

The ruling, which overturns the efforts of Mr Norman Fowler to stop family doctors prescribing the chewing gum on the NHS, could cost £20m a year.

Moreover, the Treasury could lose many more millions of pounds from the lost tax revenue from people who successfully "kicked the habit".

The chewing gum concerned is said to be more than twice as effective as other anti-smoking treatments.

But since the ingredients have clear pharmacological properties, or in other words, they behave like a drug, the chewing gum is a prescription-only product.

However, the substance is

not classified officially as a medicine.

But Nicorette is the sole prescription-only product which is not on the NHS drugs tariff, and hence can be offered as a course of treatment only on a private basis. It costs about £7 for two weeks' supply, against the standard prescription charge of £1.60 for each course of treatment.

The issue has been brought to a head by several doctors, who prescribed a course of treatment under the NHS for patients among whom nicotine dependence was regarded as a serious medical problem.

The chewing gum was issued by pharmacists to the patients. Subsequently, the prescriptions were picked up by the Prescription Pricing Authority for referral to the local Family Practitioner Committee for disciplinary action. The GPs could have the

cost of the prescriptions withheld from their payments.

On appeal to the D.H.S., the issue was referred to a medical tribunal last June, at which a lawyer and two doctors heard evidence from the GPs and from the D.H.S.

The decision given yesterday in writing from the tribunal said: "We find the expert evidence is all one way".

The expert witness was Dr Mike Russell of the Maudsley Hospital, London, who has conducted one of the main trials on the efficacy of the chewing gum.

One of the four GPs involved was not making an appeal against the D.H.S.

In the case of Dr Chris Steele, from Manchester, the appeal was being made by Mr Norman Fowler for the tribunal to reverse previous decisions made in favour of the doctor.

Help for parents of glue sniffers

By Nicholas Timmins and Colin Hughes

A leaflet for parents telling them how to spot and cope with glue sniffing among children is being sent to health authorities and a national network of "helplines" is being launched.

The leaflet, which will be available through health and local authorities, tells parents to look for a chemical smell on the breath or unexplained traces of glue or other solvents on clothes or body.

Soreness or redness round the eyes, persistent irritable cough, slurred speech, moody behaviour and a sudden decline in school performance could also be signs of glue sniffing, the leaflet says.

The leaflet says: "For most youngsters it is a passing phase, but for some it can become a dangerous habit".

Boredom can lead to sniffing,

the leaflet says and involvement in youth clubs and sports can be encouraged.

The national network of "helplines" and advice for young glue-sniffers and heroin addicts is among projects being launched in Britain as part of International Youth Year.

A pilot scheme of telephone guidance from young volunteers backed up with expert adult support has already been set up in South London by the National Youth Assembly.

At the launch of the year in London yesterday, Miss Janice Smith, who chairs the national organising committee, said she hoped that the scheme could raise up to £500,000 over the year to set up similar "helplines" in every big town and region.

Accused man sickened by torture news, jury told

One of the three men alleged to have tortured Mr Harry Tippie, a London newsagent, and cut off one of his toes, wept the next day when he realized what they had done, a detective told the Central Criminal Court in London yesterday.

Edward Mitchell, aged 28, was physically sick, and started to cry after he heard of the news of the attack on Mr Tippie, aged 59, and his wife, Cicely, aged 56, the jury was told.

When interviewed by detectives, Mr Mitchell said he had not thought himself capable of doing what was inflicted on the couple at their home in

Peckham Park Road, Peckham, south London, on the night of February 13.

Mr Mitchell, of Primrose House, Peckham Hill Street, Peckham, is on trial with Terence Bradford, aged 23, of Carillade House, Saint Leonard's Road, Poplar, east London; and his brother Charles Bradford, aged 24, of Glengall Road, Peckham.

All three deny assaulting the couple, causing them grievous bodily harm, and additionally wounding Mrs Tippie with intent to do her grievous bodily harm.

The trial continues today.

Hot pursuit in 10-ton digger

It was a scene that owed more to the Keystone Kops than to Stargate and Hitch.

One minute Mr Jack Jones was using his huge mechanical digger to clear sand which had blown up against the foreshore at Swansea.

The next his mighty machine had scooped up a breathless police sergeant and a constable who ordered him to follow a man running along the beach.

With the two determined lawmen crouching in the bucket, the digger reached its top speed of 10mph as it advanced on the fugitive.

When the digger was level with the man, the two law officers leapt out of the bucket and made their arrest. But as Mr Jones watched in horror the 10-ton digger sank deeper and deeper into the sand.

His efforts to free it were fruitless and soon the tide came in and submerged it. Last night, after a five-hour rescue operation, Mr Mervyn Owens, head of the company which owns the digger, said: "We have been landed with a repair bill at least £6,000."

The digger had been hired by Swansea City Council to clear sand which had blown against the sea wall.

Police, who said a man was later questioned about a theft, added that they had been "helped by a member of the public who happened to have with him a JCB".

Theatre guide

A regional theatre guide has been launched by Oracle, the teletext service of independent television.

Thames profits from strike

By David Hewson

Thames Television expects to save £750,000 a week in wages to 1,000 technicians striking over the introduction of lightweight cameras.

Managers are putting out a makeshift service of entertainment programmes which, they believe, are attracting more viewers than normal. Its advertising schedules are also full and expected to meet the £3.5m target.

One executive said yesterday: "We can hold out longer than the National Coal Board. We don't have to put out current affairs or documentary programmes which don't at-

tract viewers, and we've enough material in the building to last until Christmas. I've never seen a management so angry and united."

The technicians' union, The Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, had not expected Thames to attempt to break the blackout caused by the strike, the first commercial company to do so. Yesterday, its general secretary, Mr Alan Sapper, complained to the Independent Broadcasting Authority about the schedules which Thames has agreed with the IBA.

"Thames is mounting a programme service that is

ignoring its franchise responsibility."

No talks are planned, though informal contacts have been maintained, partly through the Independent Television Contractors' Association.

Thames denies that it is making a stand to break new ground over technology for the rest of the commercial network. The union says it is willing to use a new lightweight camera, but not for them to be used to drastically reduce manning.

Yesterday, around 35 Thames executives arrived early in the morning to supervise production. At the Euston Road headquarters, nicknamed "Fort Euston", they assembled commercial breaks, and in the afternoon about 15, five less than demanded for with union, supervised the output through a link with the Post Office tower.

Thames had feared that the link might be blocked by Post Office engineers, and was prepared to go to court to end action which could have been regarded as secondary.

On the picket line, there is agreement that the dispute is the most bitter since the strike which closed down the commercial network for 10 weeks in 1979.

Thames executives are also discussing a news service. Among their ranks are former Fleet Street journalists who could read bulletins from Press Association tapes. The news service could be maintained even if Thames's 80 journalists who belong to the National Union of Journalists, accede to a request from Mr Sapper not to cross picket lines.

The union's headquarters advised journalists to obey the call yesterday.

Thames executives, however, privately acknowledge that the film editors whose case started the strike have a genuine grievance about their position in the complex pay structure. They earn between £13,000 and £19,000 a year, less than dubbing mixers and video editors.

The highest paid ACTT members are producer/directors, who earn between £30,000 and £34,000 a year.

This year Thames gave its staff 10 per cent of their salaries after record pre-tax profits of £13.2m, compared with £8.8m the previous year.

BBC's value 'proved' by bombing coverage

By Our Arts Correspondent

BBC television coverage of the Brighton bombing was cited as evidence that the corporation was not profligate by Mr Alan Protheroe, its assistant director-general.

The BBC, which had 300 staff in Brighton for the Conservative Party conference, was able to offer live coverage of the aftermath, while TV-am had no crews there.

Mr Protheroe said the corporation's success was proof that its critics did not understand the needs of a large broadcasting organization.

The BBC team broadcast more than 28 hours of network television and four hours of national radio from Brighton. 1½ hours on the World Service also 21 hours in 32 languages, and coverage on regional television and radio.

"It is that investment in resources and people to meet the requirement of round-the-clock broadcasting that enabled the BBC on radio and television to produce coverage of the Brighton bomb in such depth, in such detail, and with such speed and skill."

"It was an essential requirement of public service journalism to report fully and accurately. It was coverage acclaimed around the world for the way it showed what terrorism and its consequences are."

"It showed the courage of the Prime Minister, Cabinet ministers, firemen, policemen, and



Mr Protheroe: "Coverage acclaimed around the world".

ordinary people. It revealed, with compassion and care, the bravery of Norman Tebbit. The concept of public service broadcasting, funded by the public at the will of Parliament, was vindicated again between 6.30 and 9.00 am on Friday, October 12, 1984."

If the corporation was forced to accept advertising, the whole concept of public service broadcasting would be negated, Mr Protheroe said. Prime-time current affairs and arts programmes would disappear.

Attempts to intimidate cameramen and reporters by police and pickets during the miners' strike had failed. "Coverage has been difficult and demanding task, the more so because political investment and the polarization of attitudes has split the country", he said.



A goosander catching a fish under water (above) has won the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition. It will be displayed at the Natural History Museum from today until January 4.

The pair of mollymawks (left) won second prize for Ross Giblin of Plimmerton, New Zealand.

The competition was organized by BBC Wildlife magazine, the Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, the Natural History Museum and the Prudential Assurance Company.

Boy of 3 is awarded £30 for smack

Dion Hatfield, aged three, who ran into the road and was almost knocked down, was awarded £30 compensation yesterday at Teesside Crown Court for a smack dealt him by his mother's friend, David Currie, aged 19, of Rievaulx Avenue, Billingham-on-Tees. Mr Currie, who admitted assault causing actual bodily harm, was put on probation for a year and ordered to pay the compensation at £1 a week to the boy, of Appleby Road, Billingham. It was suggested that he also buy a present.

Wife accused

Mrs Sukhpal Kaur Gill, aged 28, of Murchison Road, Leyton, east London, and Hardev Singh Grewal, who are accused of conspiring to murder Mr Harbakh Singh Gill at Denham, Buckinghamshire, were remanded in custody until November 2 by magistrates at Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, yesterday.

Box for sale

Enormous interest was reported yesterday in a grand-tier box at the Albert Hall which is for sale for at least £80,000. The 10-seat box is one of only three owned by descendants of the original holders, and entitles its owner to see any event at the Albert Hall.

Woman cleared

Mrs Celia Marks, aged 34, a housewife of Devonport Street, Stepney, east London, was cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of recruiting a security guard to give information to aid a £142,000 armed robbery in the City.

Crash inquiry

The public inquiry into the Wembley Central train crash, in which three people died, on October 11, will be held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London on November 9.

Pension and allowance book problems at the D.H.S.S.

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Councils advised to use escape hatch

RATE CAPPING

Time was getting short for those local authorities who felt they had been unfairly treated in the setting of rate expenditure levels. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, warned during questions in the Commons about rate capping.

He urged such authorities to come forward. It was not too late for them to apply for redemption of spending limits, but by the time the rate limits had been set it would be too late.

He emphasized that any authority anxious to apply for redemption need not fear that that would allow him to interfere across the board. That was not his intention. The House had given them the escape hatch of redemption and they should use it.

He hoped they would as it was not the Government's intention that authorities should make cuts of anything like the 11 per cent and other figures mentioned by Labour MPs.

Mr Jenkin told Mr Frank Dobson (Holborn and St Pancras, Lab), who had asked when he next proposed meeting the chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities to discuss the designations made under the Rates Act, that the AMA had not asked for such a meeting. If they did so, he would be happy to meet them.

Mr Dobson: When he announced expenditure levels for designated authorities, he gave the impression they would have to cut their expenditure by 3 or 6 per cent. Does he now accept that the average reduction that is sought from them is 11 per cent? Camden Council is expected to cut its spending by 13 per cent. Lewisham 14 per cent and Leicester 15 per cent?

Does he not accept that this is a totally monstrous deception he is trying to practise on people in these areas?

Mr Jenkin: It is nothing of the sort. Our intention is that the real spending of local authorities should be held to the same cash level next year as this year.

Of course we do not have information and the authorities are not obliged to supply information

on their use of funds and other balances and the accounting devices they may have used to reach this year's spending.

That is why the House provided an opportunity for those authorities who feel that the limit we have set was unreasonable to come along and seek a redemption of that limit. No one has done so. I must assume from that they are perfectly prepared to live within the limit I have set.

Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP): Does he not yet understand that rate capped authorities are effectively prevented from seeking formal derogation because to do so would automatically bestow on the Secretary of State wide-ranging powers of interference in their internal affairs?

Is he willing to hold informal discussions with rate capped authorities who are anxious to show him the expenditure limits imposed on them are unreasonably harsh?

Mr Jenkin: Such informal discussions are taking place in a number of cases. I am aware of the anxiety some councillors have expressed. That is why I made it abundantly clear it is no part of this Government's intention to interfere in the detail of local authority spending.

My only concern is to set the upper limit in accordance with the powers this House has conferred on the Government.

Any authority which is anxious to apply for redemption need not fear that that will allow me to interfere across the board. They can discuss that fear. That is not my intention. And it is not too late for those who feel it is unreasonable to apply for redemption.

Mr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, said it is not dishonest of him to say he did not have information from local authorities about their expenditure from balances and resources? Was not such information given to him by authorities in the normal returns sent to his department? Was not that what he admitted to the AMA conference at Doncaster?

His statement to the House that cuts in budgets of 3 per cent were all that were required is patently dishonest. The average cut being

required by local authorities is of the order of 10 to 11 per cent. Why does he not come clean and admit it?

Mr Jenkin: My officials do not have the details of the use of funds and balances and other accounting devices which are used by local authorities to arrive at this year's budget. We do not have a complete picture.

I am sure it was right to start from the published figures. I am sure it was right to say it was our intention they should spend no more next year than the same cash sum they are spending this year. Of course, because of the use of balances - and many authorities have made it clear that that is how they arrived at this year's figure - it may well be appropriate for them to come and apply for redemption.

This House has given them that escape hatch. It will be upon them and the communities they serve if they fail to use it and fill themselves having to make bigger cuts than we ever intended.

They have it in their power to come along and ask and I hope they will do that because it is not our intention they should make cuts of anything like the figure he has mentioned.

He added later: I cannot, in compliance with the law, rule out for all time that the power might be used in a wider sense, but for the moment I cannot see any circumstances in which I would want to use the power more widely than that.

I hope that authorities who feel they have been unfairly treated in this setting of the limit will exercise the power. Time is getting short. We

Cunningham: Statement is patently dishonest

will have to set the rate limits, but that time, I suspect, it will be too late.

Replying to Mr Peter Brabine (Leicester East, C) he said: The law is on the statute book and the procedures will be applied. If Leicester do not apply for redemption a rate will be set which will be relevant to the expenditure limit we have fixed for them. The rates in Leicester will be lower than they have been.

Mr Jack Straw, an Opposition spokesman on the environment (Blackburn, Lab): Such is the breakdown of trust between Labour and Conservative authorities and his department that in the absence of a categorical assurance that he will not impose conditions or lower limits authorities are scared about making application to him.

Since he has admitted that the effect of his expenditure limits will be to impose cuts on authorities of about 11 per cent, will he withdraw his original July statement and seek to have proper negotiations on the basis of the real levels of expenditure prevailing in the 16 rate-capped authorities?

Mr Jenkin: Of course not. The Act lays down the procedure for those discussions to take place. They need to be initiated by the authorities concerned and it is up to them to use the procedures.

Countryside Act hint

repeated offers to help it with remedial legislation?

Mr Waldegrave: It would be wrong to blame the Act. Had it not been there the damage would have been much greater.

I accept what Dr Clark says, that it is necessary to make improvements in the Act, and I am grateful for his offer of help which we might shortly take up.

Calls for flexible drinking laws

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government is to study a survey being made on the effects of changes to the licensing laws in Scotland before coming to any decision on the future of licensing legislation in England and Wales, although there were no immediate plans for change, Lord Tringham, a Government spokesman, said during questions in the House of Lords.

Asked if the Government would introduce legislation to liberalise or repeal the licensing laws, and the Sunday observance laws, he said: The view taken by successive governments has been that this is a matter more suitable for a private member's Bill rather than government legislation.

We therefore have no plans of our own for legislation. As for the law on the licensing laws, there is no immediate prospect of legislation.

Lord Moynihan (Ind): Is it not time the licensing laws in England and Wales were brought into line with the more liberal laws that apply in Scotland and have caused no difficulty over the past seven years?

Is it not time the Government plucked up courage and decided to stand up to the Lord's Day Observance Society who represent no more than one-tenth of one per cent of the population.

Lady Tringham: Certain relaxations have been made in Scotland and the Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr George Younger, has announced a survey is to be undertaken on the workings of the Scottish legislation.

We will want to see the results and evaluate carefully the effect of the extension of licensing hours in Scotland before deciding whether similar relaxations should be introduced in England and Wales.

Many people believe our opening hours are too restrictive and we receive many representations in favour of greater flexibility of hours, particularly from those in the catering, leisure, tourist and licensing trades.

On the other hand, others are deeply concerned about the problem of alcohol misuse and are worried that longer hours may lead to increased alcohol consumption.

Britain to provide cash and food to help starving in Ethiopia

FAMINE RELIEF

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, told the Commons that the Government had pledged an extra £5m plus more than 6,000 tonnes of surplus food stocks to help the famine victims in Ethiopia and other African countries hit by drought.

Following his statement on the EEC Foreign Affairs Council, Sir Geoffrey Howe, replying to a call for help from Edward Taylor (Southend East, C), announced that the Government would be calling on other EEC governments to provide further substantial help from the emergency provision of the European development fund and this year's European community food aid programmes.

He said: The Ethiopian problem is only one aspect, albeit a particularly tragic one, of the general problem of drought and famine in Africa and elsewhere. However, we propose to make a further major contribution.

We are urging our colleagues in Europe (the added) the need for further substantial contributions from the emergency provision of the European development fund and this year's community food aid programmes.

I must warn the House however of the difficulties in getting help to those who need it.

Mr James Spicer (West Dorset, C) said the major problem was a logistical one of getting supplies to the right places. He called for the setting up of a EEC standing logistics team to deal with such problems.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said in his statement that considerable progress had been made in the negotiations on the "exceptional" of Space and Transport plan for January 1, 1985.

He reiterated that Britain's willingness to participate in inter-

governmental agreement to provide 1,000m tcs of supplementary finance to cover the EEC's inescapable financial obligations for 1984 depended on both the release of the UK funds for 1983 and the achievement of a satisfactory text on budget discipline.

The Irish Presidency was now conducting further consultations with a view to reaching final agreement on measures to implement the Fontainebleau principles on budget discipline at an early meeting of the Council of Ministers.

On October 10 the European Parliament voted to release the UK's funds amounting to £400m. A 50 per cent of gross refund - £200m - was due to be paid to the

may take the view that it is an odd way of going about enforcing financial discipline in the EEC to offer Brussels even more money to spend.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said Britain had made clear in the negotiations that Parliament would have to agree the additional finance.

We have the said made clear throughout that we were prepared to consider the financing of the inescapable obligations of the Community once all possible savings had been found and provided that other issues were also resolved.

The threatened budget overrun for 1984 was originally 2,300m tcs. That has been reduced as a result of negotiations during the summer to less than half that, to 1,000m tcs.

We agreed to contribute a share of the residual sum provided the 1983 refund was released, as it has been, and provided agreement was reached on a text on budget discipline.

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C): His statement will not be universally welcomed on this side of the House. The British farmer is a sacrificial lamb on the altar of the European Community. The British farmer has been unjustly deprived of an order for three 748s from the Lowland Islands because of the intrigue of the French Commissioner and the accession of Spain and Portugal could lead to a grotesque increase in unemployment in this country.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: The changes taking place in the CAP are changes intended to take place. One is taking place throughout the Community. Of course they involve hardship and change and sacrifice for farmers of different kinds but they are inevitable.

It is not correct to conclude that enlargement offers the prospect of mass unemployment. It offers the prospect of a large and increasingly free access to the Spanish market, so far as it is protected.

Howe: Urging EEC colleagues to make a contribution

UK in the course of the next few days.

Mr Robin Cook, Opposition spokesman on EEC affairs, said the reason the rebate was being paid was because the Government had surrendered to the European Parliament when it blocked the rebate in July. The Government had submitted to a whip-round for additional expenditure in the 1984 budget.

When Parliament (he said) is invited to give its approval to this supplementary finance some of us

Propaganda campaign labelled tissue of lies by minister

GLC ABOLITION

People had been fed a tissue of lies at taxpayers' expense in the propaganda campaign waged against abolition of the Greater London Council and the metropolitan councils, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, said during questions in the Commons.

He claimed there was widespread support for the abolition and turned down a request for an inquiry into the GLC campaign, saying it was a waste of public money.

Replying to Mr Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab), who had asked how taxpayers were going to be protected, Mr Jenkin said some bodies were still refusing to take part in talks. They would only have themselves to blame if they did not like what was decided, he added.

Mr Wareing: In the light of his recent announcement that he will be setting up two inquiries into local government finances, why does he continue to ignore the call for an independent inquiry into finance and structure?

Mr Jenkin: An inquiry into abolition would not serve any purpose. There is widespread support for the abolition of the GLC and the metropolitan areas. We are confident this is the right course to pursue.

Mr John Heddle (Mid Stafford-

shire, C): The by-elections inspired by Mr Livingstone and his cohorts were an expensive and meaningless sham and the turnout was ludicrously low.

Abolition will not return control to Whitehall but to the directly elected borough councils who are much more responsive to the needs and wishes of the ratepayers.

Mr Jenkin: I agree that the manufactured by-elections were an

expensive stunt. The GLC campaign, however, was a tissue of lies.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, C): There may be some support but there is wide-

spread concern that the details of abolition have not been thought out or argued through.

There is a case for a separate local inquiry with local councils and the public to take the first time, making a contribution.

Mr Jenkin: I disagree. It will now be put forward for debate in this House and the Lords when the Bill is introduced, hopefully early in the next session of Parliament.

Mr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment (Can he honestly tell the House that there is overwhelming support in London and the metropolitan areas for the Government's policy? Is not the reverse the truth? And is there not an overwhelming burden of evidence against what the Government is proposing?

Why has he consented to hold an inquiry into local government finance when a few months ago he colleague said that such an inquiry would be of no value at all?

Mr Jenkin: Dr Cunningham has been arguing an inquiry, so I hope that he welcomes the announcement I have just made.

There is widespread support, particularly amongst those who follow local government affairs. The public have been fed with a tissue of lies at the taxpayers' expense by the propaganda spread across the newspapers and the radio. It is not surprising if some have been a little misled.

Mr Kevin McNamara, an Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, said the Bill gave the Government a blank cheque to do what it wished. To suggest that there would be proper parliamentary scrutiny was nonsense because there was no proper method to do this.

Mr Paddy Ashdown (Yeovil, L) said it was no exaggeration to say the nation's defence was tied to this Bill. What the Government was attempting to do at this point was no less than an abuse of ministerial power and was a gross and blatant disregard and even scorn for the Commons. He and the Liberals would be voting in favour of the amendment.

The amendment was rejected by 258 votes to 189 - Government majority, 69.

Over the past two or three years, since the Falklands conflict and

Extended BST would not save coal

Extending British Summer Time with the idea of conserving energy during the mining dispute would in fact increase consumption, Lord Tringham, a Government spokesman, said in the House of Lords.

To change all the time clocks in these installations would mean visiting every home, he said, and the board had estimated the cost at around £6m. The extension would also mean children going to school in the dark.

Support for Bill to curb glue sniffing

The Government is prepared to support a private member's Bill to make it an offence to supply a substance to a person under 16 knowing or believing that it was likely to be inhaled to achieve intoxication.

Mr David Mielke, Under Secretary of State for Home Office, said in a Commons written reply.

Widespread consultation among representatives of retailers' associations indicated widespread support for such a measure, he said.

Access to cult members

A trigger mechanism aimed at providing, grieved and worried parents with an opportunity to seek legal redress where they were denied access to next of kin involved in religious sects and cults was proposed by Mr David Alton, (Liverpool, Macclesfield Hill, L).

Mr Alton was given leave in the Commons to introduce the Control of Religious Sects and Cults Bill.

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Hurd may relax Ulster towns security in drive for 'normality'

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland is considering signing an order which would enable a major relaxation of security measures in Northern Ireland's towns and cities.

By signing the order, Mr Douglas Hurd would be signalling a further step along the Government's long-term road of trying to portray the province as returning slowly to "normality" and encouraging investment.

If Mr Hurd agrees, the proposals will allow for the removal of controlled zones, in which parking is forbidden in many towns unless passengers are in a car, and of security barriers outside Belfast. Such security measures have been in force since the early 1970s when terrorist car bombs wrought havoc in commercial centres across the province.

However, they would only be

relaxed or removed completely on the advice of local police commanders but relaxation has occurred already in Belfast where the searching which used to take place on entering the city centre has all but ended.

However, Mr Hurd is understood to be extremely cautious in his approach to the matter, though security sources say that if the order is signed the relaxation could take place over a wide area within a matter of months.

Already the anti-car bomb controls have been lifted in Londonderry although it is understood they were not supposed to be until November 1 and police officers are reluctant to discuss the drift of policy in public for fear of attracting the attention of terrorists who might alter their tactics and begin bombings in

commercial areas once more.

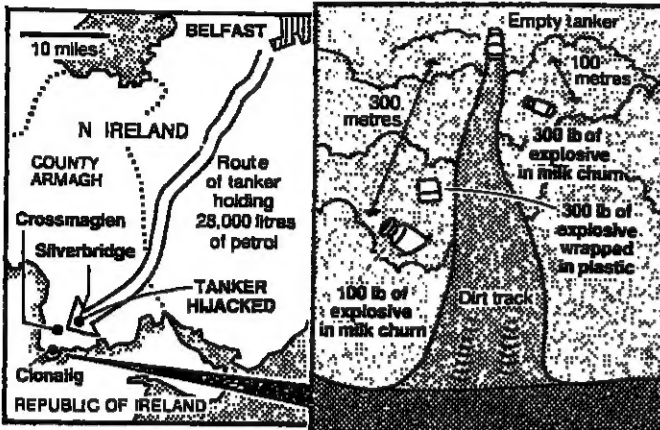
Throughout the province generally there is now a more relaxed attitude and Belfast is crowded with shoppers at weekends with new shops opening in the city centre which is still surrounded by 8-ft high security barriers.

In smaller towns it is thought that controls could be removed almost completely as long as normal parking restrictions were strictly enforced. But even if there is relaxation many stores will keep their own security guards because they believe customers feel more at ease.

The real worry for the Government is that the terrorists may alter their tactics which because they have not involved bombs in commercial areas have enabled the Government to say there has been a return to normality.

In a recent article in a Dublin-based magazine a Republican source said that Belfast City Centre was now being advertised as a marvellous big shopping centre.

Security sources feared that this could be a hint that terrorists might attack the city centre and certainly there has been an increased police presence in the area as the nights have become darker.



Six-day operation to foil booby-trap

An elaborate Provisional IRA attempt to blow up soldiers with a triple booby-trap landmine has been foiled in one of the largest operations by army bomb disposal experts in Northern Ireland for many years.

Terrorists used a hijacked petrol tanker abandoned in the dangerous south Armagh borderland as bait, hoping to lure soldiers to their death by planting three huge hidden landmines near the vehicle. Army bomb disposal experts worked for six days in the "bandit country" near Crossmaglen to defuse the 700 lb triple bomb.

The carefully planned plot to kill members of the security forces began 10 days ago when the Provisional IRA hijacked a Shell petrol tanker taking 28,000 litres of fuel from Belfast to Crossmaglen.

The tanker was hijacked at Silverbridge, and left in an isolated cul de sac off a cross-border road at Clonagilly, a few miles from Crossmaglen. The Army spent several days photographing the tanker from the air before moving in seven days ago with several teams of bomb disposal men.

Police on both sides of the border were in contact with each other, closing roads and evacuating families from their homes in case of explosions.

Terrorists packed 100 lb of

home-made explosives into a milk churn and dug it into the ground about 300 yards from the abandoned tanker. A few yards away, they then planted a 300 lb device wrapped in plastic, expecting that as soldiers began to defuse the first bomb they would trigger the second one.

About 100 yards from the tanker, and further along the lane, security forces found another milk churn packed with 300 lb of explosives, with 20 lb of shrapnel built around it. None of the devices, dug into the ground and hidden by undergrowth, was linked to the tanker, which had been emptied of its valuable fuel.

Huge landmines are a popular weapon for the Provisionals. Some are operated by remote control as vehicles pass over them; others explode when touched, or when a plate is stepped on.

A police spokesman described the devices as "fiendish", adding that anyone approaching on the road could have been blown up. "It was only the expertise and courage of the bomb disposal men which undoubtedly saved many lives." The operation was the longest of its kind for several years.

The Provisional IRA in Crossmaglen admitted responsibility for the elaborate trap.

'Snatched' photograph condemned

A senior nursing officer who had been suspended from duty was manoeuvred out of his house and a photograph of him taken without his consent, the Press Council has ruled.

The council upheld a complaint by Mr Amadeo Dell'Erario, of St Albans, Herts, that journalists from *The Review*, St Albans, used improper methods to obtain and publish a photograph of him. The newspaper was censured for an improper intrusion into his privacy.

Mr Dell'Erario had said that his doorbell had been rung and when he opened the door he was immediately pushed into the hall by a woman who identified herself as Mrs Pat Krett, a reporter.

Mrs Krett asked if he had any comment to make on the hospital report, and as he was saying no, she pushed open the front door and pushed him outside, shutting the door behind him so that she was in the house, Mr Dell'Erario said. He then discovered that a photographer standing in the street was taking his photograph.

Mr Dell'Erario told the Press Council that he did not object to the published story.

Bleeping for the baby

By Bill Johnston, Technology Correspondent

Parents who frequently have to leave their children with babysitters are expected to be among those attracted to cheap radio-telephone pagers to be sold by W. H. Smith, the retailer chain.

The pagers, which will retail from under £100, will be stocked at first in nine London stores, and if successful will be offered in others. The pagers are made in Japan but will be operated by Inter-City Paging (ICP), one of four groups

Acid stolen for schools' vendetta

A vendetta between two schools, reached potentially horrific proportions when acid was stolen from chemistry laboratories for a gang fight.

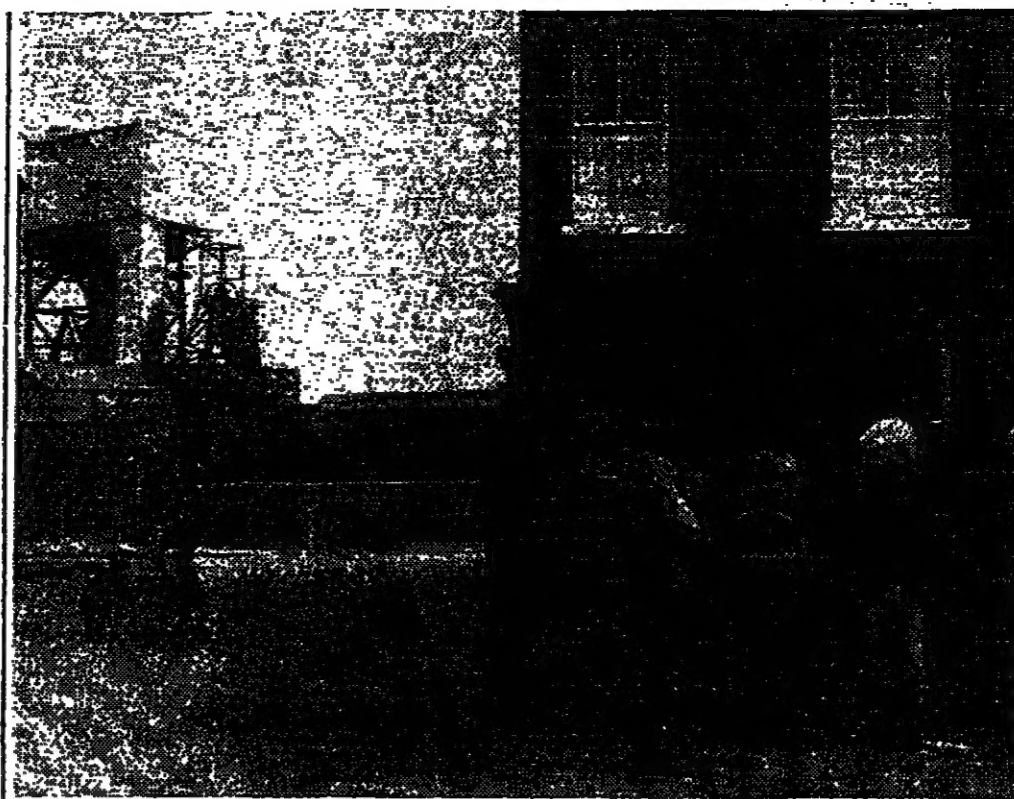
Scores of police officers dispersed 300 fifth formers from Enfield Chase boys' school and Kingsmead boys' school from a car park in Southbury Road, Enfield, north London, during the lunch-hour on October 15. One boy aged 14 was carrying nitric acid and sodium hydroxide.

Tottenham Juvenile Court yesterday criticized teaching staff at Kingsmead school for leaving laboratories unsupervised. The boy who admitted stealing the acid and possessing it as an offensive weapon was fined £400.

Mr James Campbell, for the defence, said that the acid theft was reckless rather than malicious.

The vendetta gained momentum after the death in September of a boy killed by a car as he ran into the road to escape a rival gang. Spot checks on both schools revealed knives and other weapons. But since the police had cautioned pupils at both schools there had been no trouble.

In the United States, pagers have been sold to about 2 per cent of the population licensed to operate a national paging network. The others are Air Call, Digital Paging and British Telecom. Each purchaser is allocated a personal code for the bleeper. Anyone wishing to contact the person holding it dials IPL which bleeps the holder, using VHF radio transmitters within a 30-mile radius of the London area.



Bleak playground: Fryston, near Castleford, one of the Yorkshire pit villages considering its future in the light of the miners' strike. Much of the housing is deteriorating and local people have complained that £1m promised to renovate it has not materialized. Photograph: Brian Harris.

Future of pit villages: 2 Mobility lacking in Yorkshire homes

Detailed analysis of 1981 census data for the Yorkshire pit villages suggests how industrial solidarity extends into community life. David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent, continues his report.

Census data for 20 Yorkshire villages, where more than a quarter of men are employed in the pits, shows a series of youngish, rather immobile communities, where housing quality is above average but owner occupation is less than the national figure.

On behalf of *The Times*, CACI, the market researchers, studied census data for the 20 South Yorkshire wards with the heaviest employment in mining. The communities run from Thurnscoe, where 64 per cent of men are miners, to the central area of Barnsley, where 29 per cent are employed in mining.

The picture shows council housing much higher than the national figure of about one-third of tenures. Housing in the Barnsley and Doncaster areas is predominantly in estates of terraces and blocks built mostly since the Second World War.

Perhaps surprisingly, nearly two-thirds of households in the mining areas of South Yorkshire have no resident children. Single parents are scarce; non-whites are completely absent. There is a high figure for households with more than two adults, suggesting perhaps the presence of grandparents in extended families and younger married couples living with

parents. Together, the unemployed and pensioners make up about 28 per cent of households.

Strikingly, these communities lack mobility. More than half of households have no car, which must make job getting more difficult. That is a social characteristic which makes Yorkshire noticeably different from the mining areas of Nottinghamshire, where 60 per cent of households have cars.

Taking the top 20 Nottinghamshire wards with the heaviest concentration of employment in mining, we find social conditions not markedly different.

However, in Nottinghamshire council housing is more like the national average and there is more "tied" accommodation, housing rented out by the National Coal Board. Housing tends to be older and of poorer quality.

Several communities are more dependent on mining than even the closest-knit South Yorkshire village. About 10 wards are dependent on mining for more than half of all men's jobs.

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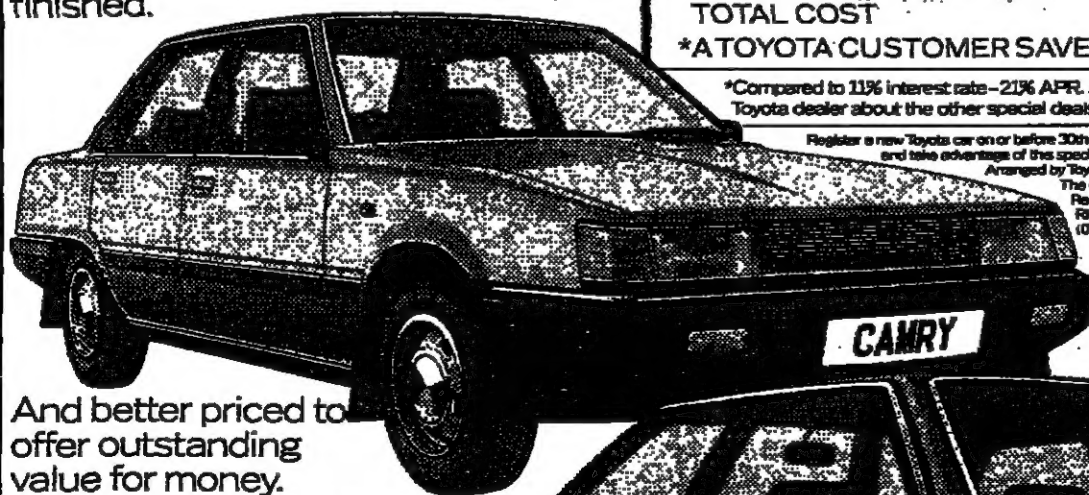
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Gas cylinder ban for tower blocks urged by minister

By Charles Knevit, Architecture Correspondent

The Government is urging local authorities to stop the use and storage of liquefied petroleum gas cylinders in residential tower blocks to prevent another Ronan Point disaster.

It said that there is evidence that their use is increasing, in spite of warnings by gas suppliers to their agents that they should not be sold to tenants of flats of four storeys or more.

Mr Ian Gow, Minister for Housing and Construction, also said that each authority was responsible for checking the safety of its tower blocks after a recent decision by Newham Borough Council, east London, to evacuate eight blocks similar to Ronan Point.

The minister was replying to two written questions from Mr Nigel Spearing, Labour MP for Newham South, whose constituency includes Ronan Point. He said that the Government's building research establishment is investigating the problems highlighted at Ronan Point.

Further guidance will be given to authorities with Taylor Woodrow Anglian blocks in Britain. Nearly 600 tower blocks, containing nearly 40,000

flats, were strengthened at a cost of more than £100m after the Ronan Point disaster in 1968, which killed five people.

Mr Gow also confirmed that there was evidence that an early draft of part of the Ronan Point public inquiry report was changed along lines suggested in an allegation published in *The Times*. He added that he was unable to find a street containing the specific words quoted: "Deleted in a broad knibbed pen in purple ink".

The allegation was that a paragraph describing the strength of some walls in Ronan Point as comparable only to "the glass in a good window" was deleted by a government official, against the wishes of the author.

The Government said that the tribunal papers contained no evidence that the text signed by tribunal members and its secretary, was altered between its signature, receipt by the minister, and printing. That was not alleged in *The Times* report.

Mr Gow added that changes in working drafts were normal for a report of such length and complexity.



Growth industry: Andrew Kay, aged 19, from Sheffield, who since becoming an unemployed school leaver last year has raised cash for local garden centres, supported by a bank loan and a Manpower Services Commission award. Now he has a £5,000 turnover.

Divisions at Plaid Cymru conference

From Tim Jones, Cardiff

The divisions in Plaid Cymru, which have been so carefully plastered over during the last three years by its president, Mr Dafydd Wigley, are threatening to dominate the party conference, which begins today.

Delegates are to debate two motions which will bring the rift into the open as the fundamental philosophy and future direction of the party is examined.

The debate has come about because of the decision of Mr Wigley, MP for Caernarfon, to

step down for family reasons. Two of his children have deteriorating mental health. Two candidates for the post, Mr Dafydd Elis Thomas and Mr Dafydd Iwan, the chairman, represent respectively the so-called red and green wings of the party.

Race bias 'offence' idea upsets police

By Peter Evans

The Police Federation has written to Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, to protest against unexpected moves to make racial discrimination a disciplinary offence. The Police Superintendents' Association also objects.

Mr Leslie Curtis, the federation's chairman, yesterday accused the Government of going back on undertakings by ministers to the federation and Parliament during previous stages of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.

Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State, Home Office, told Mr Curtis that the Government would not seek to overturn in the Commons tomorrow an amendment to the Bill in the Lords moved by Lord Scarman.

The Government was defeated last Friday by 71-65 on the amendment, which said that racially discriminatory behaviour should be made a specific disciplinary offence. It had been the Government's view that racial discrimination was covered by the disciplinary code.

Police Federation officials fear the offence will be "seized on gleefully by police monitoring groups in London and militant ethnic groups."

BUt the Commission for Racial Equality said yesterday: "To make racially discriminatory behaviour a specific offence in the disciplinary code is the single of the black community in the police."

French facing a day of chaos in united strike over pay offer

From Diana Gaddes, Paris

Trains, air flights, banks, schools, hospitals and other services are expected to be severely disrupted throughout France today by a 24-hour strike called by six unions representing most of the country's 4.5 million public employees.

The strike is in protest against the Government's decision to increase wages in the public service sector this year by nearly 7 per cent. The unions, which until last year were used to having their wages indexed to the inflation rate, say the offer is unacceptable.

However, the Government argues that the total public salary bill will have increased by 7.6 per cent this year, which is exactly in line with its forecasts of the average rate of inflation during the year.

It appears determined to stick to its offer, which it sees as a pace-setter for coming wage negotiations in the private sector. Privately, it hopes that the public will not have much sympathy for a strike by employees who continue to enjoy job security at a time when hundreds of thousands of industrial workers are being made redundant.

The unions, and in particular the Communist-led CGT, are hoping for a big response today. They see the strike as a test of strength of their rank and file's opposition to the Government's policy of economic rigour. Only the Socialist CFTD union has declined to take part.

Similar action by three public-service unions last March resulted in the biggest single display of union discontent

since the Socialists came to power in 1981. However, apart from their first year in office, when there was an outburst of unrest over plans to reduce wages in proportion to the cut in the working week, the Government has remained remarkably free from widespread union disputes.

A total of 1.7 million days were lost through strikes in the 12 months up to last July, which was one of the lowest totals in the past decade and compares with a peak of 6.3 million days lost 10 years earlier.

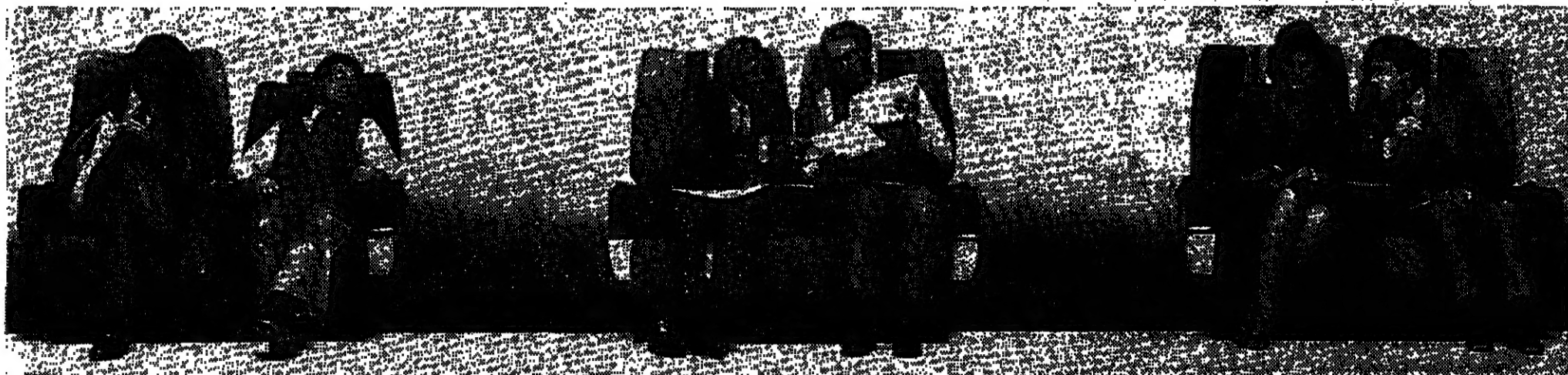
Despite the economic crisis and widespread discontent among workers, the unions are finding it difficult to mobilize their forces except for specific action on a local basis.

Hence the importance of today's nationwide action. A strike by air-traffic controllers will mean the cancellation of virtually all flights between 6am and 10pm.

It was expected that only one in four trains would run between 9pm last night and 6am tomorrow and most trains bound for foreign destinations are likely to be cancelled. Delays can be expected at most ports and frontier points because of action by customs officials.

In Paris, Métro and bus services are expected to be running almost normally, after a last-minute special five per cent pay offer induced all but one union representing employees in those services to call off their strike. But traffic in the capital is expected to be disrupted by union demonstrations.

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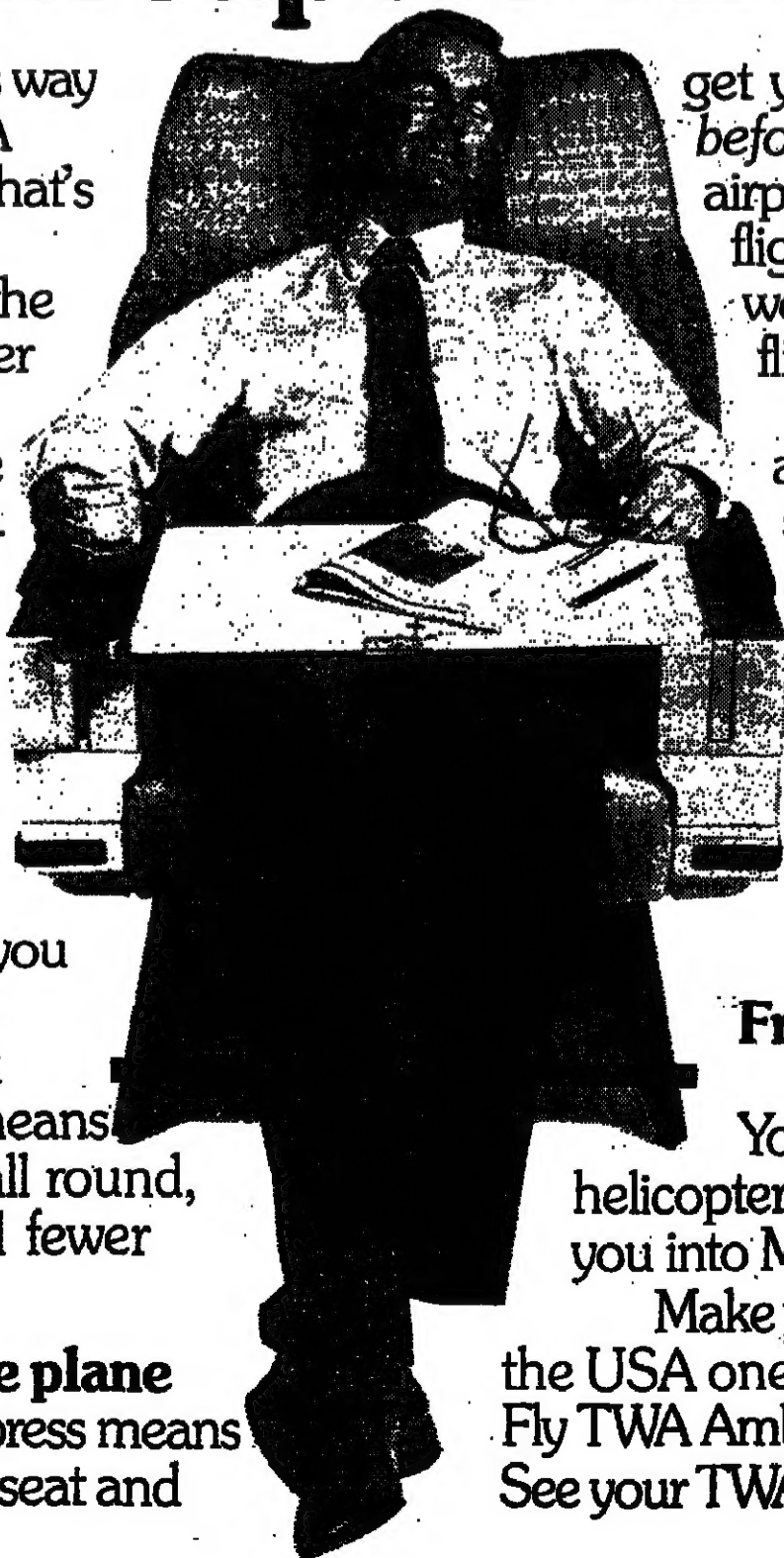
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Aborigines enter a new world

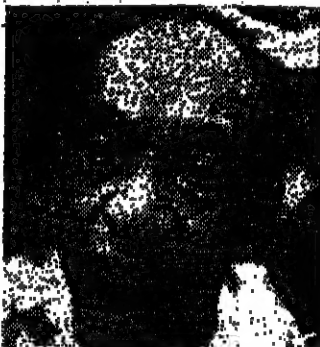
From Tony Duboulin, Melbourne

The Federal Government is keeping secret the whereabouts of a small family of aborigines who have emerged from the great sandy desert in Western Central Australia to make what is believed to be their first contact with modern life.

The family, two men, three women, two boys and two girls, part of the Pintubi group or tribe, made contact last week with other Pintubi aborigines who left European settlements and moved back into the desert. The Pintubi have lived in the area of Western Central Australia for an estimated 40,000 years and were among the last aboriginal groups to move into European settlements in the 1960s.

Apparently until the family established contact with other Pintubi they had lived in isolation in the harsh, sandy area of the desert, using traditional skills of hunting and food gathering to survive. It is understood that the aborigine who has acted as a go-between for the family is married to a woman whose sister is one of the family group.

The family speaks an old version of Pintubi, which is a well documented aboriginal language. Mr Clyde Holding, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, who is expected to meet the family later this week, said on Tuesday that steps were being taken to ease the cultural shock and to minimize health risks to the family.



President Jayewardene: Success against rebels.

Setback for Sri Lankan separatists

From Our Correspondent, Colombo

Security forces scored one of their biggest successes in recent months on Tuesday when army personnel struck at the northern command of the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation killing three Tamil separatist rebels and capturing the "military leader" of the group.

Chinese-made rifles stolen from the security forces as well as ammunition, grenades, uniforms and material for uniforms were seized.

Government sources said yesterday interrogation of the captured rebels had revealed that they were planning to disrupt polling in a parliamentary by-election to be held at Minneriya in the North Central province today.

Police have detained two people in Colombo and three at Vavuniya in the north in connection with bomb explosions in Colombo on Monday killing three people.

Two quit Prague embassy

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Bonn has announced that two East Germans who had taken refuge in the West German Embassy in Prague returned home in Tuesday, without apparently obtaining guarantees they would subsequently be allowed to emigrate to the West. Negotiations are still going on over the fate of the remaining

140 or so refugees in the embassy, but there are signs that a gradual end to the occupation may be in sight. The East German authorities are reported to have given permission to a woman who is eight months pregnant to leave for the West to have her baby there.



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Walesa asks Jaruzelski to step up search for pro-Solidarity priest

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Mr Lech Walesa and the underground leaders of Solidarity yesterday pressed General Jaruzelski's government to step up its search for the kidnapped priest, Father Jerzy Popieluszko, declaring that "individual terrorism and blackmail have become a permanent instrument of political struggle" in Poland.

As Mr Walesa released his statement, it became clear that some workers wanted to exert other, perhaps more dangerous pressure on the authorities. A leaflet passed from hand to hand among parishioners at Father Popieluszko's church, announced: "We call upon Warsaw factories who owe Father Jerzy so much that from October 25 they should put themselves on strike alert and, if he does not return, they should stage strikes, in the pre-arranged forms, from Monday. Give us back our Father Jerzy".

Helicopters flew over the Warsaw steel works and police units stood by after reports that a group of workers might walk to the church of Father Popieluszko, but attempts to organize a march failed, and the workers dispersed quietly and without police intervention.

The leaflet circulated in the church was signed by the "Workers' Solidarity Committee" of the Warsaw steel works, but some workers at the

plant said they were unsure of the authenticity of the appeal. "It might just be a provocation" one said. "Somebody is trying to sow chaos out of chaos".

The question of who that "somebody" is, of who is behind last Friday's kidnapping of the Solidarity priest, is dominating the thoughts of the Government, Solidarity and the church.

Solidarity seems in little doubt that the culprits are either disgruntled members of the security service or are at least sheltered by sympathetic, hard-line elements in the police.

Mr Walesa's statement, drawn up after he met in secret on Monday with the leaders of Solidarity, said: "In a country where law is continuously and commonly violated, where security forces serve exclusively the interests of the authorities and are not subject to any social control, every incident like this can bring about unimaginable results".

The police have detained five people, including a member of the Interior Ministry, who live near the scene of the abduction and who drive cars similar to that used by the kidnappers.

There is no hint that any of those detained is involved in the abduction and many Poles believe that the round-up is simply a way of showing the public that the police are doing

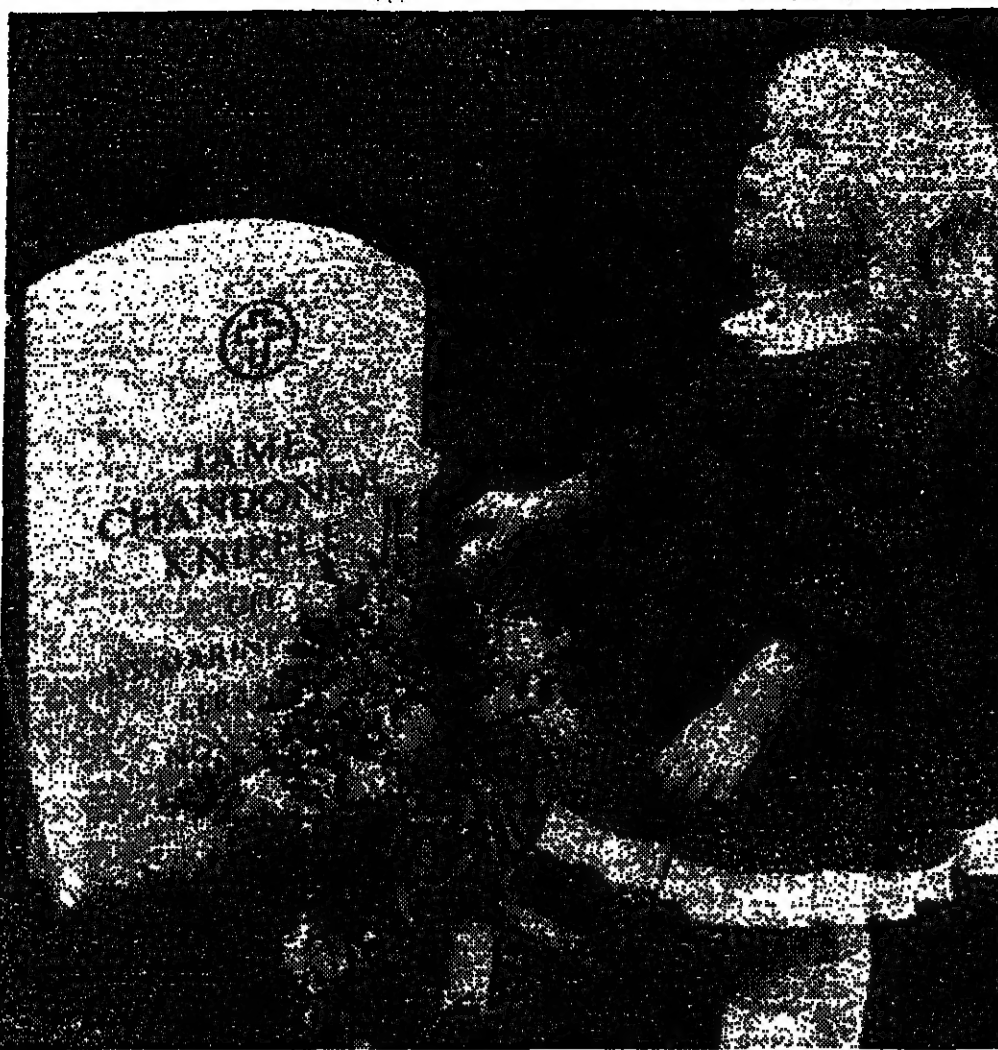
something. Photographs of the priest have been printed in the press and a "hotline" has been established. At least one person claims to have seen the priest in Warsaw a day after the kidnapping, but the report has not been confirmed.

Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman, has publicly voiced his fears that the kidnappers are trying to compromise the authorities, to wipe out the effects of moves to restore relations with the West, and set back government attempts to introduce limited political reforms.

Mr Urban is in a particularly exposed position, as he recently published an article fiercely attacking Father Popieluszko for his anti-government and thus extremely popular sermons.

The kidnapping has overshadowed the visit to Warsaw by Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister, which ended yesterday. The authorities had hailed the visit as a big breakthrough, shattering the Western diplomatic blockade of Poland imposed after the declaration of martial law in 1981.

● **ROME:** The Pope appealed yesterday for the immediate release of Father Popieluszko and called the abduction an "infamous" and "inhuman" deed (AP reports).



Honouring the victims of terrorism

Elizabeth Reinger, aged two, who was among several children who placed flowers on graves in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, on Tuesday. They were honouring American victims of terrorism worldwide, including Marine Corporal James Knipple, who died in the bombing of US Marine Headquarters in Beirut a year ago.

Israel fears unrest as economy reels

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

FAMILY FORTUNES

As talks started last night to try to secure union approval for Israel's toughest austerity package yet, there were reports that police were drawing up plans to tackle possible disorder arising from the rapidly deteriorating economic situation.

With inflation approaching 1,000 per cent, the package is designed to reduce the amount wages are cushioned against inflation by nearly 30 per cent, to trim the budget by a further \$500m (£410m) and reduce public sector employment by 10 per cent, putting 14,000 out of work.

Less than 24 hours before the negotiations, opened in an atmosphere of crisis, there was a pandemonium in food stores as shoppers stripped shelves after hearing news of the latest planned subsidy cut - the second in less than two months - which means a 24 per cent jump in the price of basic food stuffs and petrol.

Earlier, Mr Yitzhak Modai, the Finance Minister, asked a parliamentary committee to approve a \$24m allocation for food subsidies for October alone. He disclosed that the entire subsidy budget for the fiscal year 1984/5 had been used up already.

Some staple products have risen in price by more than 100 per cent since August and there are fears in official circles that there could be riots if things get worse as more Israelis are put out of work because of the austerity measures.

In the Tel Aviv suburb of Holon, police were called to deal with angry crowds at one supermarket. In Tel Aviv, there was a stampede after radio reports that meat and poultry prices were going to rise by 90 per cent, a move apparently approved, but rescinded by the Government only hours after its announcement.

"People are willing to kill for frozen chicken," a shop assistant reported from what Israelis are describing as their new "front line". Before the government announcement that meat and poultry prices would only go up 24 per cent, like other foodstuffs, one man was reported to have purchased subsidized meat worth more than \$5,000 at the old prices.

The latest round of subsidy cuts angered leaders of the Histadrut, the national labour federation, whose chairman, Mr Yisrael Kessar, accused the Government of "joining the chorus of price-pougers".

Times man stands by world chess attack

By David Cross

Mr Harry Golombek, the Chess Correspondent of *The Times*, yesterday rejected claims by the International Chess Federation (Fide) that he had written "scandalous and unfounded" statements about the world championship in Moscow.

"Something abnormal is happening", Mr Golombek said. "What my critics fail to explain is why Kasparov is playing in a style totally unprecedented for him in which he embarks on attacks without due preparation - a procedure which he has never before adopted."

"They also fail to explain why he is adopting times of play and openings which are familiar to Karpov and not at all the type of opening he himself has played before."

In a letter to *The Times*, Señor Florencio Campomanes, the president of Fide, said that "any suggestion that either player is being driven by external pressures into consciously substandard play is absurd and ridiculous. The reality is that Karpov, the world champion, is producing chess of a very high standard, and his challenger, Kasparov, though less a successful hitherto, has fought and given of his best."

Señor Campomanes was responding to an article in *The Times* on October 13, in which Mr Golombek suggested that Kasparov, who is now trailing Karpov 4-0 after 16 games, might have been told to throw the match deliberately on the

ground that Karpov could not be allowed to lose.

"Perhaps Kasparov has been warned not to play well and has been given to understand that the consequences for him and his family would be disastrous", Mr Golombek suggested.

Mr Golombek pointed out yesterday that the results to date were entirely out of keeping with the normally accurate Elo rating system of classifying the strength of champions. The most recent assessments of Karpov and Kasparov had indicated a match win by the challenger of about six games to four, he added.

His arguments were also rejected by members of Kasparov's delegation. In a letter addressed to Fide, Mr Yuri Mamedov, leader of the Kasparov camp, insisted that Soviet sport did not admit any other methods of gaining victory apart from "open and equal competition. . . It is the situation which exists in the current chess match and this is recognized by all those present", he added.

Another draw

Seventeenth game
White Karpov, Black Kasparov

1 K-K3 P-Q4 2 P-Q4 K-K3
3 P-QB4 P-K3 4 K-QB3 B-K2
5 B-K2 P-K3 6 B-K2 B-K2
7 P-K3 P-QR3 8 B-K2 B-K2
9 B-Q QN-Q2 10 P-QB1 P-QB4
11 B-K3 P-Q2 12 P-QP K-N3
13 K-N1 B-K1 14 P-B3 K-N3
15 P-QR4 K-N5 16 B-B7 Q-K1
17 P-QR3 P-QR4 18 B-Q3 Q-N3
19 P-B3 B-Q3 20 B-N3 B-N3
21 Q-Q4 B-K1 22 Q-N3 B-K7
Draw agreed.

Flick cash gifts denied by Barzel

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

In keenly-awaited testimony that could prove decisive for his political career, Herr Rainer Barzel, the speaker of the Bundestag, told a special parliamentary committee yesterday that he had received no money from the Flick firm, and that sums paid him by Frankfurt law firm between 1973 and 1982 did not correspond to the money paid to the firm by Flick.

Herr Barzel also denied the "infamous" suggestion that Flick money had played any role in his decision to resign as chairman of the Christian Democratic Union in 1973. Last week, a Green member of Parliament was ejected from the Bundestag for suggesting that Flick had "bought" the way clear for Herr Helmut Kohl to take over as CDU chairman in 1973.

Revelations that Herr Barzel received a total of some DM 1.7m (about £455,000) from the Frankfurt lawyer, Herr Albert Paul, who had close dealings with Flick, have shaken the Christian Democratic Party, which was paying Herr Barzel a special supplementary salary after his resignation.

Herr Barzel is under strong pressure from his own party to resign immediately to limit the damage the scandal is doing to the CDU in the public's estimation. The revelations may have a serious effect on the party's standing in local elections in Baden-Württemberg on Sunday.

Herr Barzel has had to give a lengthy account of his income and relations with Flick to the party praesidium already, and leading politicians were markedly cool towards him.

Herr Kohl in among those who have spoken of a "slender campaign" but has refused to come to Herr Barzel's defence.

Embryo doubts

Sydney (AP) - Scientists doubted if the two "orphaned" frozen embryos, whose lives were saved on Tuesday by Victoria State's upper house of parliament, would survive thawing. But they promised to make every effort to implant them in one of the 90 women, mostly American, seeking their adoption.

Reunion blaze

Manila (AP) - Eight people were killed in a fire that destroyed an hotel in Baguio where 200 American Second World War veterans had gathered for a reunion. Two of the victims were identified as Americans, the others were too charred for recognition.

Trial stopped

Cairo (AFP) - Egypt's state security court, accepting a prosecution request, halted the trial of 176 Islamic Fundamentalists, members of the al-Jihad (Holy War) organizations and ordered their release from detention. The trial opened in February.

Tanker inferno

Bombay (Reuters) - Three people died and four were badly burnt when an Indian oil tanker, the 28,812-ton Lajpat Rai, caught fire here. At least seven more people were feared trapped inside.

Flood deaths

Bangkok (AFP) - Five people have died in floods affecting Cambodia's provinces of Kompong Cham and Kratie, damaging 96,124 acres of rice and 101,894 acres of other food crops.

Oh Calcutta!

Calcutta (AP) - After years of delays and financial problems, India's first underground railway system began limited commercial service in Calcutta. A four coach train carried 1,000 passengers on a two-mile maiden run.

How you'll get your increases during DHSS industrial action.

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covers to the front of order books which do not already show the new rates, when they are presented for payment.

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Scourge of Salvadorean guerrillas killed in helicopter disaster

From John Carlin, San Salvador

Our senior Salvadorean military officers have been killed in that is considered to be one of the severest setbacks suffered by the American-backed army since civil war broke out between the Government and the wing rebels.

The helicopter in which the officers were travelling crashed in the mountains of eastern Morazan province, a guerrilla stronghold throughout the five-year war. An armed spokesman blamed technical failure but the guerrillas claim they shot down the helicopter with machine-gun fire.

There were 14 people in the helicopter, one of them a Catholic priest. All were reported dead. One of the four officers who was killed was Colonel Domingo Monterrosa, top military commander for eastern El Salvador, the principal theatre of operations in the civil war.

Colonel Monterrosa who was 2 was considered by virtually every military analyst in El Salvador as the army's most effective, most irreplaceable field commander. He was known for his aggression and fierceness in taking the war to the guerrillas, especially notable in a Salvadorean army many of whose officers have been accused of conducting purely 9-to-5 operations.

US military advisors in El

Salvador have said that the one officer who came close to Colonel Monterrosa in professionalism was Major Armando Azmitia, but he too was in the helicopter, as were two other very experienced army officers. One of them was Colonel Napoleon Calito, military commander for Morazan.

Ironically, just hours before his helicopter crashed, Colonel Monterrosa had said he had captured and put out of action the very rebel radio station, Venceremos, which was exultant to announce his death.

Venceremos claimed that a special anti-aircraft unit hit the helicopter from a hilltop in Morazan.

The troops loved Colonel Monterrosa. He took enormous risks, always went to the front line and was a fine orator, with a remarkable capacity for boosting the morale of his troops. Privately he was soft-spoken, remarkably mild and affable.

While no one doubted his leadership qualities, several people criticized him for exposing himself to too much danger. Now Government officials are asking why not only he but three other key senior officers were flying together in a helicopter over territory known to be swarming with guerrillas.

Radio Venceremos had good reason to be happy. Guerrilla fighters to whom reporters have

spoken in the east of El Salvador this year always talked of Colonel Monterrosa with a certain awe. Military analysts in El Salvador are unanimous that the colonel's loss will prove an extremely damaging blow to the army's war effort.

The rebels' political leader has said he hopes Colonel Monterrosa's death will help to persuade the army of the seriousness of the guerrilla threat, and make them see that if there is no negotiated peace the civil war could go on forever.

In a telephone interview from his Panama home, rebel leader Dr Guillermo Ungo said, however, that the army might now "react emotionally" and intensify the war.

An experienced political analyst in San Salvador, who is close to President Jose Napoleon Duarte, said he thought this was the most "brutal blow" the army has suffered in the war. He expected the army to react badly now, setting back President Duarte's recently begun peace initiative.

In the past week the right-wing death squads have again emerged.

The Secret Anti-Communist army (ESA) murdered a 14-year-old boy and two other unidentified youths last weekend. They carved the initials ESA into the youths' foreheads.



One risk too many: Colonel Monterrosa, the most charismatic of El Salvador's fighting soldiers, who died when his helicopter crashed over Guerrilla territory. The troops loved him, the rebels held him in awe, but his daring had been criticized.

Liberals pull out of Nicaraguan poll

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

The withdrawal from elections of one of Nicaragua's main opposition parties has thrown the country's electoral process into disarray.

The Independent Liberals, the most important of the six parties contesting the November 4 elections against the ruling Sandinista Front, announced on Monday that its national conference had voted 94 to 20 to withdraw from the election.

A three-party coalition of right-wing parties is boycotting the elections for president, vice-president and 90 seats in the Legislative Assembly, the first since the Sandinistas took power in a popular insurrection five years ago.

The centre-left Liberals said they would not participate until the Government expanded its present round of talks with the parties into a broader "national dialogue" embracing all sections of society, including the Roman Catholic Church, the business community and the right-wing coalition, known as the Democratic Coordinating Committee.

Commandante Daniel Ortega, the coordinator of the Sandinista junta, has been quick to assert that there can be no postponement of the election date to accommodate such a dialogue. The Sandinistas are determined to be returned as an elected government before President Reagan can win a second term with a mandate to continue his hostile policies towards Nicaragua. The motives for the Liberals' withdrawal at such a late stage are not entirely clear. The party leadership had given the impression that it would remain in the race now that the Sandinistas were talking. They had also expressed fears that to withdraw might undermine the elections and lead to a pretext for direct American intervention.

Even after the announcement, presidential candidate Virgilio Godoy signed his name to the first accords to come out of the talks with the Government, including firm guarantees that there would be political freedom after the elections.

The Government had also agreed to continue the dialogue in its present form after the elections and to allow the coalition parties to join the negotiations at any time.

Government has accused the coalition parties of obeying the wishes of the Reagan Administration by refusing to participate in the electoral process, which it has described as the first free and honest election in Nicaragua's history.

Western diplomats are now speculating that two more parties - the Democratic Conservatives and the Popular Social Christians - may now follow the Liberal lead, leaving only the Government and three left-wing parties in a discredited contest. There are also that the Sandinistas may convert the elections into a referendum seeking popular approval for their continuation in power.

Britain rejects Alfonsín aid plea

From Ian Murray, Strasbourg

President Alfonsín of Argentina pleaded with the European Parliament for financial help from the EEC, but Britain immediately made it clear there could be no such thing until he declared an end to hostilities over the Falklands.

The half-hour speech carefully avoided any mention of the islands, although the President pointedly explained that peaceful international coexistence could be settled diplomatically as had been proved in negotiations with Chile over sovereignty of the Beagle Channel.

He also sought to draw a lesson from the way in which the European Parliament had been created, among nations which "not so very long ago were tearing the old continent apart". It had been created from a lasting compromise, he said, and there was no reason why that type of compromise should not be taken beyond the confines of Europe.

After advice from Downing Street, about a third of British Conservatives MEPs boycotted the speech, while others went into the chamber to listen with the intention of protesting if the word "Malvinas" was uttered.

No British Conservative attended the lunch offered by the Parliament in honour of the Argentine President, although two Danish members of the Conservative group did attend.

Señor Alfonsín did win support from Conservative members during his speech when he attacked the common agricultural policy and the "terrible effect" it had on the EEC budget. Not only did this weaken Europe, he argued, but the gap was taking away Argentina's agricultural export market.

The speech was essentially a plea and a warning. If the new democracy in his country was to survive, there had to be international help to rebuild the economy.

A Foreign Office statement said that progress with the Community was certain to be hampered because Argentina still had no diplomatic relations with one of the 10 member states and still refused to declare an end to hostilities.

It was "a source of great regret and frustration" to Britain that the Argentine Government had broken off the talks in Buenos Aires last July which were meant to establish relations in mutual beneficial areas. President Alfonsín had since said in New York that he would accept the islands being returned to Argentina. This, the statement said, was obviously incompatible with progress to restoring normal relations.

Britain hoped the President's visit to Europe would "confirm to him that his predecessor's brutal invasion of the Falkland Islands cannot be ignored. The way ahead is for him to declare a definite cessation of hostilities and to work on a realistic basis for more normal relations with Britain," acknowledging that, like the people of Argentina, the Falkland Islanders also have the right to live under a government of their own choosing.

While taking a hard line against what it described as President Alfonsín's inappropriate visit to the Parliament, the Foreign Office is still trying to maintain some sort of Community solidarity. The United Nations General Assembly is due to vote next month on an Argentine motion on the islands, and Britain is trying to head off the danger that Italy, Greece and even France may vote to support it.

Steel urges Argentine contacts

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic correspondent

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, is calling on the Government to seek an early resumption of talks with Argentina, which broke down amid mutual recriminations almost as soon as they opened in July.

He is "cautiously optimistic" that discussions of the wider issues dividing the two countries would lead to a settlement of the Falklands dispute and would be in the interests of both countries.

Mr Steel, who is critical of the political groundwork preceding the abortive talks in Buenos Aires, will see Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, at his request tomorrow to discuss his recent meeting in Panama with Argentina's Vice-President, Señor Oscar Torres-Avalos.

Mr Steel will also report to Sir Geoffrey on his visit to Nicaragua, where he urged leaders of the Independent Liberal Party to stay in the coming elections, despite difficulties it experienced. It has subsequently pulled out.

He returned from his trip highly critical of American policy in Nicaragua. It is designed to bring stability to the region, but is having exactly the opposite effect, he said.

● MEXICO CITY: Two British politicians have called for a suspension of foreign aid to Guatemala because of the military government's human rights record (Reuters reports). The appeal by Lord Avebury and Mr Anthony Lloyd, Labour MP for Sireford, came just three weeks after 12 European nations announced an increase in aid to Central America.

The two members of the British parliamentary human rights group, said after a five-day visit to Guatemala that they would press for a suspension of aid by the European Community and the United States.

Zimbabwe MP appeals

From Jan Raath, Harare

Rev James Bassoppo-Moyo, Aged 62, the Deputy Speaker in the House of Assembly, has been found guilty on two counts of attempted murder.

The Harare Regional Court found that on April 29 this year Bassoppo-Moyo, fired with a pistol into a crowd and wounded one man in the jaw.

The incident took place at a shopping centre 160 miles south of the capital. The regional magistrate, Mr Misheck Cheda, accepted that Rev Bassoppo-

Mayo was inflamed with jealousy at the success of his neighbour's bottle store.

During UDI, Mr Bassoppo-Moyo spent seven years in detention for his role in black nationalist politics. Mr Cheda, sentenced him to three years' imprisonment but because of his contribution to the liberation war and his age, he suspended the sentence.

Mr Bassoppo-Moyo was granted bail of sterling £3,000, pending his appeal.

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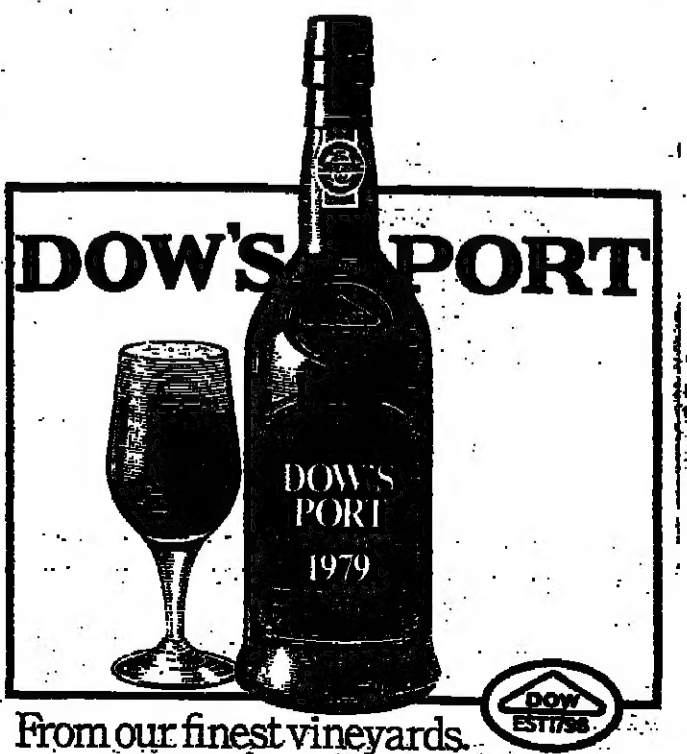
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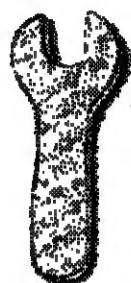
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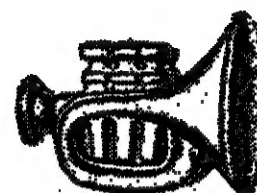
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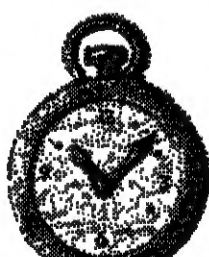
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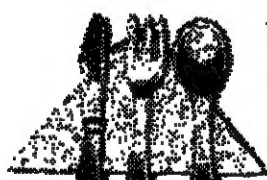
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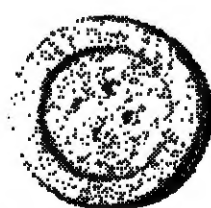
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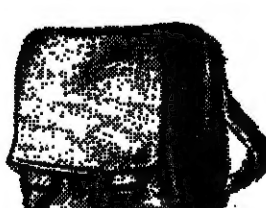
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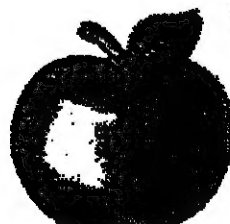
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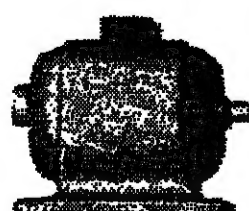
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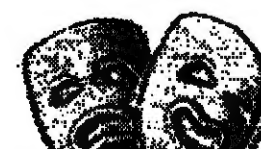
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Gorbachov loses control of agriculture but emerges unscathed

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The long-awaited party plenum, which convened on Tuesday after weeks of rumour and counter-rumour, has made it clear that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov is no longer in charge of agriculture, but has failed to clarify the Kremlin power struggle.

Contrary to assurances by party officials no personnel changes were announced and all eyes are on the next winter plenum to be held next month or in early December.

The main speeches at the plenum on agriculture which occupied nearly four full pages of *Pravda* yesterday, came from President Chernenko and Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Prime Minister. Mr Gorbachov, the Kremlin number two and heir-apparent, did not speak even though he has been responsible for agriculture in the politburo since 1980.

Observers said the party rank and file would not necessarily read this as a demonstration since Mr Gorbachov had acquired widowers as number two in the party hierarchy and might be glad to relinquish the burden of farm policy, the traditional quagmire of Soviet politics.

No new agriculture secretary was appointed at the plenum, which was called to examine the poor state of Soviet culture. This year's harvest is expected to be only 170 million tonnes, 70

million tonnes below target and one of the worst grain harvests in a dismal decade.

Mr Chernenko announced a big land improvement scheme designed to increase the amount of cultivated soil available by the end of the century. He and Mr Tikhonov spell out new irrigation and drainage methods, and urged the use of new technology to increase crop yields.

Mr Chernenko described the period since the Brezhnev food programme was adopted in May 1982 as fruitful, but added: "Despite the positive results, the problem of providing many cities with foodstuffs - above all, meat - remains acute". Agricultural production lagged far behind requirements, the Soviet leader said, blaming Mr Valentin Mesyats, the Agriculture Minister, and the Russian climate.

There was no suggestion of reforming the collective farm system, however, and no discussion of the "contract brigade" system of payment by results associated with Mr Gorbachov.

A Kremlin watcher said: "It is hard to believe the Central Committee was convened just to talk about drainage and fertilizers."

The plenum, which appears to be a factor in the struggle to succeed Mr Chernenko, remained shrouded in mystery to

the last moment, with even the staff of *Pravda* uncertain when it would take place. If it was forced by Mr Gorbachov's rivals - headed by Mr Grigory Romanov, to embarrass him politically, it appears to have failed.

No blame was laid at Mr Gorbachov's door, although he has in the past criticized plans to increase land rather than use existing land more efficiently and is therefore presumed to dissent from Mr Chernenko's new policy, which for many Russians is reminiscent of the grandiose (and unsuccessful) schemes launched by Khrushchev in the 1950s.

In a front-page *Pravda* photograph last week, Mr Gorbachov was shown in a less prominent position than Mr Romanov. Normally Mr Gorbachov stands next to Mr Chernenko, emphasizing his position as heir-apparent.

Some observers believe the plenum was intended to show that Mr Chernenko - who has been active in foreign policy lately - is firmly in charge of home affairs.

Neither he nor Mr Tikhonov mentioned the controversial plan to reverse two Siberian rivers, the Irtysh and the Ob, to irrigate central Asia, but the press had indicated that the Kremlin has decided to go ahead.

Townships quiet but tense

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Police were still patrolling the streets of the troubled Vaal river townships of Sharpeville, Sebokeng and Boipatong yesterday after Tuesday's huge dragnet operation by a combined force of 7,000 heavily armed troops and police.

By Tuesday night, the Army, never previously deployed so openly and on such a scale to quell internal unrest except under martial law, had been withdrawn, but it was believed to be in the vicinity in case it should be needed again.

The mood in the townships, about 40 miles south of here, was described by residents as tense and sullen, but otherwise quiet. Schools were almost all empty, with more than 90,000 pupils in the region either deliberately boycotting classes

or under pressure not to turn up.

Police said 358 people were arrested on Tuesday, 348 in Sebokeng and only 10 in Sharpeville and Boipatong. Most have been charged with minor criminal offences or infringements of the pass laws, which control the movement of Africans outside the tribal reserves.

Few, if any, of those caught in the police net qualify, even in South African terms, as "revolutionaries", whose unearthing was said by Mr Louis le Grange, the Minister of Law and Order, to be one of the main objectives of the operation, codenamed Bullrush.

The searches and interrogations were carried out with as much courtesy as is possible

when heavily armed groups of men knock on doors in the pre-dawn hours and turn inhabitants out of bed. "We didn't have to kick down one door," a police officer said with a touch of pride.

NEW YORK: In a speech intended to rally South Africa's white rulers as well as its black majority, Bishop Desmond Tutu, the winner of this year's Nobel Prize, made an impassioned appeal here for the end of the politics of exclusion in his country and the eradication without violence of apartheid (Zoriana Pysariwsky writes).

The United Nations Security Council passed a resolution condemning Pretoria's recent crackdown on black unrest.



Presidential stumble: Mr Reagan falls heavily on the steps of his aircraft at Seattle. He was not hurt and quickly picked himself up and waved to the crowd.

Reagan runs into heckling

From Christopher Thomas Washington

President Reagan's tightly orchestrated reelection campaign has had its first taste of heckling. In all the weeks of rallies and speech making, a net of Republican security men has protected the Reagan campaign from any hint of dissent. When it came, he seemed thrown.

Whenever Mr Reagan speaks indoors, the audience is subjected to a security search similar to the procedures at international airports. It is a time for weeding out protesters. In Portland, Oregon, two dozen protesters slipped through. The Reagan camp later treated the diversion from the campaign script with dire seriousness. Mr James Lake, Press Secretary for the Reagan campaign, said the heckling was organized by an anti-Reagan coalition and reflected "a certain amount of desperation on the part of partisans of the opposition".

Small signs suddenly appeared in the audience proclaiming: "The Reagan Administration lies about Central America", and: "The flag on the button is senile." They were barely visible in a sea of 4,200 flag-waving Reagan supporters, who had stood for 18 minutes in darkness while they were edited by Mr Reagan's convention film.

The lights came on, a huge American flag rose behind the podium and the president entered. He was briefly into his standard message of optimism and prosperity when the epithets began to spoil the party. "Liar, liar, pants on fire," was one. "Murderer" was another. "We don't want your war in Central America," they shouted.

They were instantly swamped by placards reading: "Oregon." Mr Reagan at first sought to ignore them. "Two more weeks," the protesters yelled. "Four more years," came back the theme chant of the Reagan campaign.

Mr Reagan said: "I may just let Mondale raise his taxes." The hubbub persisted. "You know, I know I'm no concert baritone so I know those can't be an echo in my voice." The audience cheered.

In Seattle, Mr Reagan fell on the steps of the Presidential aircraft, landing heavily. He rose smiling, unharmed. With less than a fortnight to go, the campaign is getting dirtier and more personalized. Mr Mondale, speaking in Ohio, quoted from a recently unearthed letter written by Mr Reagan to Mr Richard Nixon in 1960 likening John Kennedy's ideas to those of Karl Marx and Adolf Hitler.

Mr Reagan said on arrival in Columbus, Ohio: "If you read the letter you will find there is nothing wrong with it."

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Conscious of their voting power, particularly in key states

Ethnic voters: The Italians

Pizza parlours to halls of power

From Nicholas Ashford New York

Pasta, the Mafia, big families and thick accents. For years Italian-Americans have struggled to rid themselves of the ethnic stereotypes which their fellow countrymen have attached to them since hundreds of thousands of poor Italian immigrants started pouring into Ellis Island at the end of the last century.

The fact that America was discovered by an Italian and named after one is often forgotten. Many Americans still think of their Italian compatriots in terms of *The Godfather* or pizza parlours.

The nomination of Ms Geraldine Ferraro as the Democratic Party's vice-presidential candidate has done much to scotch this image. "She has shown that Italian-American women don't just raise families and cook spaghetti," Mrs Paula Corrao, a constituent from Ms Ferraro's Queens district of New York, and an outspoken admirer of the three-term congresswoman, said.

Ms Ferraro's nomination is, in fact, the culmination of a process of political integration by the nation's 12 million Italian-Americans which has been going on since the end of the Second World War but particularly during the 1960's and 1970s.

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Italian-American population - 12.2 million.

Main areas of concentration - New York (2.8m), New Jersey (1.3m), Pennsylvania (1.2m), California (1.1m), Massachusetts (750,000).

Prominent Italian-American politicians - Mario Cuomo, Governor of New York; Richard Celeste, Governor of Ohio; Senator Alfonse D'Amato (R, New York); Senator Dennis Deconcini (D, Arizona); Senator Pete Domenici (R, New Mexico).

such as New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California and Illinois which a presidential candidate needs to capture to win the election, both parties have been busily courting the Italian-American vote this year.

The appointment of Ms Ferraro as Mr Walter Mondale's running-mate was dictated as much by her perceived appeal to Italian and other ethnic American groups as it was by her ability to attract women voters.

President Reagan has also been busily wooing Italian-Americans, visiting traditional Italian-American areas, attending Italian-American functions and going out of his way to praise cooperation with the Italian Government on issues such as Lebanon, the deployment of cruise missiles and the freeing of General James Dozier from the Red Brigades.

It was indicative of the importance which both parties attach to Italian-Americans that all four presidential candidates attended the National Italian-American Foundation dinner in Washington last month - an event unprecedented in US election history.

This year Italian-American voters face a dilemma. Do they vote for a President whom many admire and whose emphasis on family, traditional values, hard work and self-sufficiency they approve of? Or do they cast their ballot for a ticket that includes one of their own, a woman whose vice-presidential candidacy has done so much for Italian-American prestige?

"I think some Italian-Americans may vote for her on ethnic grounds, but most will vote for who they think will do the best job, regardless of their background," Mr Fred Rotondaro, the foundation's president, said. Although conscious and proud of their Italian identity "we are Americans first and foremost and will vote just as other Americans vote."



Spain need not join Nato's military arm, Gonzalez says

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain has to remain a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization but does not need to join its military structures, Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, said here last night when he revealed the most important foreign policy decision of his Government which now almost two years old.

The Spanish people will be given a chance to approve or reject the Socialist Government's line in a referendum, he promised probably in February 1986. This is almost a year later than he once suggested, evidently to provide the chance to "educate" Spaniards, most of whom, according to polls favour leaving Nato completely.

Next year is supposed to be devoted to that process as Spain's integration into the EEC, beginning in 1986, is also supposed simultaneously to be sinking into the national consciousness.

The announcement, after months of governmental ambiguity, will inevitably disappoint other Nato members and leave Spanish military leaders out on a limb. Since their country joined the political side of the alliance more than two years ago, they have come to see its benefits in terms of moderniza-

tion, coordinated planning and intelligence.

But domestically, as a parliamentary debate centred on the Nato statement showed yesterday, Señor Gonzalez has clearly put his government in the best available position, considering it is reversing an over-hasty 1982 general election pledge to let the Spanish people decide on quitting Nato.

Señor Gonzalez, who had to speak out before the Socialist Party's December national conference, urged all the political forces in parliament to devise a national consensus to put to the country. All parties to the right of the Socialists favour full Nato membership. Only the tiny Communist Party has rejected his idea outright.

Señor Gonzalez is proceeding with what has become his characteristic style in Government - seeking a consensus.

The Prime Minister's offer ntifically outmanoeuvred Señor Manuel Fraga, the Opposition leader, in the debate. While Señor Fraga's party wants full military integration, some of its rank and file members, reflecting Spain's old fashioned nationalism, would still prefer to have nothing to do with Nato.

Gairy's past threatens island future

In the second of two articles on Grenada after the US invasion, Christopher Thomas reports on the parties contesting the election on December 3.

In a large, pink house near the Governor-General's mansion above St George's, Sir Eric Gairy holds court. The paintwork is peeling, the guards are dozing in the dripping tropical heat, the iron gate is locked shut. The heavy silence belies the intensity of a comeback battle being waged by the white-suited man within.

When Sir Eric was Prime Minister of Grenada a lot of people were hurt by a group of thugs known as the Mongoose Gang. Sir Eric rejects the conventional belief that they were his bodyguards, his private security force, his paid enforcers. Or, indeed, that they existed at all.

"If you happen to find one person that was really and truly a secret police, a Mongoose

blacken Sir Eric's name. It is the Americans. The United States and most neighbouring Caribbean countries positively dread the eccentric Sir Eric regaining power. "It would be mud in our eye," a senior US official said. "We would have to reevaluate our policies."

That would mean ending aid funds, a threat that is being heard from Washington to St George's in an unbroken attempt to scuttle Sir Eric and his Grenada United Labour Party (Gulp). The threat is probably empty. The US has committed

itself too deeply to quit now. But the election of the ultra-right Sir Eric would create uncertainty in Washington and might prevent the development of long-term aid projects.

The fear is that Sir Eric's style of leadership would create a left-wing backlash and another coup. He was in New York to deliver his celebrated speech to the United Nations about UFOs when the leftist Maurice Bishop seized power on March 13, 1979.

Some of the late Mr Bishop's supporters still have guns



US choice: Mr Blaize, leader of the coalition against Gulp, speaks to the people.

hidden away, which is why Sir Eric rarely moves from his rented, pink house. The campaign comes to him in long processions, day and night. He is not personally seeking one of the 15 parliamentary seats, doubtless because he wants to see how Gulp fares. If it does well he is expected to arrange a by-election for himself.

It is "the measures" that worry the US. Deny it as they do, there is no doubt that the Americans were influential in bringing about a coalition of

political groups in Grenada to fight Sir Eric, whose party is undoubtedly the single most popular party on the island.

Mr Blaize, leader of the coalition, is a popular figure among the middle classes; his performance as Prime Minister of Grenada in the 1960s is remembered both in London and Washington as competent, particularly in economic management. He lives 30 miles away on the sleepy Grenadian island of Carriacou.

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Little cheer for Zambia after first 20 years

From Alfred Sayila, Lusaka

President Kaunda yesterday marked Zambia's 20 years of independence by laying the foundation stone of the new party headquarters in Independence Avenue, which will be built by the Chinese.

After two decades of self-rule, the country is undergoing one of its worst economic crises which seriously threatens its stability and the leadership. Debts are estimated at more than 4 billion Kwacha (£1.7 billion), foreign exchange reserves are almost exhausted and the nation has overdrawn its account with most, if not all, the commercial banks and financial institutions.

Since President Kaunda created a one-party state in 1972, corruption and inefficiency have produced a credibility gap between the party and people. There is a shortage of essentials such as milk, bread, cooking oil, soap and fuel.

Zambia has fared better in the industrial sector than in agriculture, where much has to be done before it can become self-sufficient in food.

Nevertheless, independence has been celebrated in style. Among the foreign heads of state in Lusaka yesterday were President Nyerere of Tanzania, President Machel of Mozambique, President Masire of Botswana, President Dos Santos of Angola, President Moi of Kenya and Mr Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe's Prime Minister.

Paupers and President on show for Princess

From Michael Hamlyn, Dhaka

Princess Anne, visiting Bangladesh to tour Save the Children Fund projects, came face to face with some of the most unhappy of the poorest people in the country yesterday. They were those men, women and children who were paralysed by having broken backs or necks.

In a country where the best the social services can do is to provide food for work, those paralysed like the inmates of the centre in Dhaka which she visited are usually condemned to a life of pitiful charity from their relatives. Standards of care are so low that many die from simple bedsores, and some - tiny children, especially girls - are just abandoned.

"Don't ask whether they fell from trees," the Director of the rehabilitation centre, Miss Valeri Taylor, said to the Princess, "ask what kind of tree they fell from." Most of the people in the beds of the centre fell while gathering fruit or fodder, although some have been injured by luggage being tossed from the top of a bus, or from carrying an extra heavy load of rice on their heads, which falls and snaps their necks. Two patients there yesterday had been injured by a charging bull.

The happiest of the patients in the centre was eight-year-old Jyoti, struggling to walk using parallel bars. With a pink ribbon in her hair and a yellow frock, she was showing off skills acquired since she has been adopted by Miss Taylor. Jyoti was abandoned by her parents outside the gate of a Cheshire

Home in Dhaka soon after her parents discovered she was a spastic.

The Princess also met young men and women beginning to learn some techniques, typing perhaps, or woodwork, weaving or painting, which will enable them to earn some kind of money when they return to their villages.

Earlier in the day the Princess met the military dictator of Bangladesh, President and chief martial administrator Lieutenant General H M Ershad. The General greeted the Princess at the Presidential Palace, Bagbaghavan, and later entertained her to dinner.

In the morning she went out into the countryside to lay a wreath on the Martyrs' memorial 12 miles from the centre of the capital. Her convoy of police vehicles and elegant limousines swept past fishermen wading waist deep in the flood waters of the Ganges, while square-rigged sailing boats were slowly punted alongside the elevated roadway.

Magenta and white lotus blossoms gladdened the grey of the river water, and the sharp-pointed silhouettes of the fighting boats made the poverty of the place picturesque.

The Princess laid a red and yellow wreath on the brick monument dominated by a soaring concrete pyramid formed out of seven interlaced isosceles triangles. The memorial is on the site of a series of mass graves discovered after Bangladesh's fight for independence from Pakistan.

Officers named in Aquino inquiry go on leave

From Keith Dalton, Manila

The head of the Philippines armed forces and the Manila police chief yesterday took temporary leave after they were linked by a commission of inquiry to the murder last year of the opposition leader, Benigno Aquino.

They were among 24 people named in the final 47-page report of four commission members who conducted a 10 months inquiry into the killing.

The fifth member of the commission, Mrs Corason Agrava, the chairman, in a dissenting report on Tuesday, exonerated General Fabian Ver, the armed forces Chief of Staff, of complicity in the plot. Neither did she include Major-General Prospero Olivas, the

Metropolitan police chief, as one of the conspirators.

Included in both reports as a co-conspirator was General Luther Custodio, the former head of security at Manila airport where Mr Aquino was shot, according to the commission report, by one of six soldiers who escorted him from an aircraft on his return from exile in the United States. The escorts are among 22 military men and one civilian accused of the premeditated killing of Mr Aquino.

Instead of a court-martial, President Marcos has ordered that the case should go to a civil court which normally hears corruption charges against Government employees.

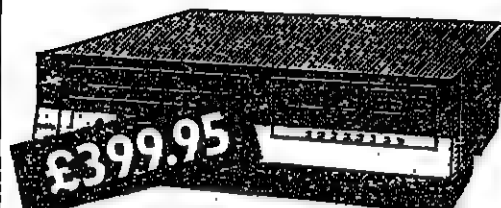
Our men in Libya to be replaced

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr George Anderson, who has been in charge of the British interests section in Libya since relations between the two countries were broken in April, is to return for leave and a fresh posting soon the Foreign Office said last night.

He is being succeeded by Mr Hugh Dunnachie, aged 39, whose foreign posting was in The Hague. A second appointment to replace Mr Redmond Norton, who returned from the section recently, will be announced soon.

The chief responsibility of the section remains the welfare of a number of Britons in custody in Libya, particularly four men detained without trial. There was no change in their position last night, although they receive visits from relatives and friends.



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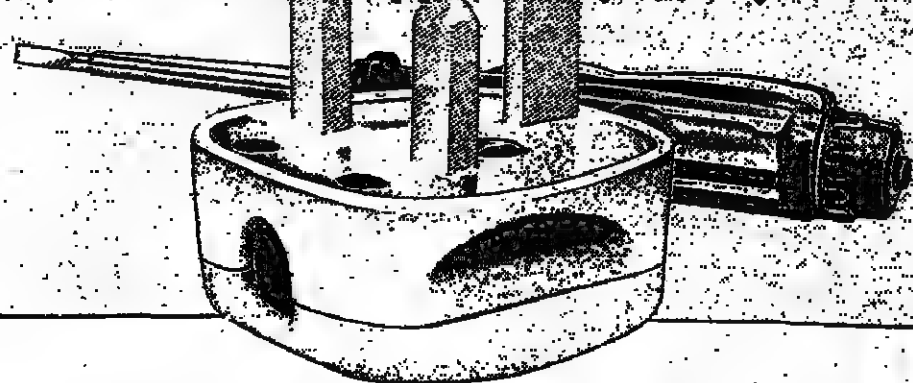
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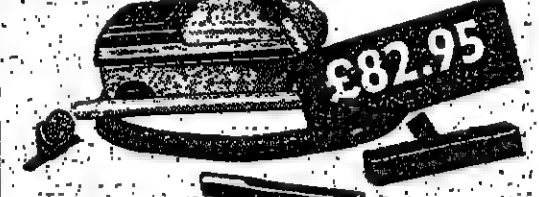
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Slip rule does not save order without jurisdiction

Munks v Munks and Another
Before Lord Justice Parker and Sir Roger Ormrod
(Judgment delivered October 24)

An order made without jurisdiction which one party was entitled to have set aside, could not possibly be saved by the "slip rule" (Order 20, rule 1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court) or by the inherent jurisdiction of the court.

Although an order of a court of competent jurisdiction which was good on its face had to be treated as a valid order until it had been set aside, once the court's attention had been brought to the fact that the order was made without jurisdiction there was no alternative but to set it aside.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the wife, Marjorie Anne Munks, from the judgment of Mr Justice Ewbank on May 2, 1984, who had amended a consent order made by a registrar on

February 9, 1973 before the decree nisi while purported to dismiss all the wife's claims for ancillary relief against her husband, Harold Rac Munks.

Mr Christopher Metcalf for the wife, Mr Christopher Butler for the husband.

SIR ROGER ORMROD, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that the marriage had been dissolved by decree absolute on May 4, 1983, on the husband's petition under section (2) (a) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973. On September 12, 1983 the wife's solicitors issued a notice of application for ancillary relief under sections 23 and 24 of the 1973 Act.

The husband raised the plea of *res judicata*, on the basis of the consent order made on February 9, 1973, which purported to dismiss all the wife's claims for ancillary relief. The order also provided for the transfer of a car to the wife, the handing over

to her of her personal belongings and a bar on any application by her under the Inheritance Act 1975.

In reply, the wife contended that that consent order was "invalid" or "ineffective" for want of jurisdiction, since the registrar had made it before the decree nisi, pronounced on February 17, 1983.

The husband contended that the wife's only remedy was to appeal against the consent order or to challenge it by judicial review.

Mr Justice Ewbank, dealing with the matter as a preliminary issue, decided that the order as it stood was invalid because the power of the court to make orders for financial provision under sections 23 and 24 of the 1973 Act arose "on granting a decree of divorce . . . or at any time thereafter . . ." and not otherwise. However, he decided that the error could be corrected under the "slip rule" by amending the date of the consent order to February 17, 1983.

the date of the decree nisi. Given the wife appeared to have given her consent freely and after taking legal advice, it was appropriate to make the amendment under the slip rule.

It was clear, his Lordship said, that the proceedings had got into a series of procedural tangles which had to be unravelled. There was no doubt that the registrar had had no jurisdiction to make the consent order because it was made before the decree nisi. However, it was well established that an order of the court of competent jurisdiction which was good on its face had to be treated as a valid order until it had been set aside.

From a practical point of view, the best course was therefore to allow the appeal and discharge the order of February 9, 1983, for "irregularity". It appeared to be a case of one technicality cancelling out another.

Solicitors: Gilbert Blades, Lincoln; Roythorne & Co. Spalding.

to have set aside, could not possibly be saved by the "slip rule" or by the inherent jurisdiction.

Once the court's attention was brought to the fact that the order was made without jurisdiction, there was no alternative but to set it aside.

The fact that the order had been acted upon was irrelevant. It was well settled that jurisdiction could not be conferred by consent or estoppel. Moreover, any person who might be affected by such an order was entitled as of right to have it set aside.

From a practical point of view, the best course was therefore to allow the appeal and discharge the order of February 9, 1983, for "irregularity". It appeared to be a case of one technicality cancelling out another.

Solicitors: Gilbert Blades, Lincoln; Roythorne & Co. Spalding.

When addition to property not in rent review

Brett v The Brett Essex Golf Club Ltd
Before Judge John Finlay, QC
(Judgment delivered October 19)

A golf clubhouse, erected with the landlord's permission but not under any obligation in the lease, was to be disregarded in determining the amount of rent under the review clause in the lease. Judge John Finlay, QC, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division, stated.

In a lease for 50 years from July 9, 1973 there was a covenant by the lessee to lay out land, part of the demised premises, as a nine-hole golf course, with liberty to the lessee to erect at its own expense a clubhouse for the use of members and servants of the club.

The lease provided for a review of the yearly rent at stated intervals and was to be the rent which the demised premises might reasonably be expected to fetch in the open market, there being disregarded (if applicable) the matters set out in section 34 (a) (ii) and (c) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.

Between about 1973 and 1977 the golf course was erected and in about 1973 the clubhouse was built. In a further lease for 50 years from February 14, 1978, which effected a surrender by operation of law of the 1973 lease, it was provided by clause 4 that the open market rental value required to be found as the basis of the reviewed rent should be found, *inter alia*, disregarding, if applicable, those matters set out in paragraphs (a) (ii) and (c) of section 34 of the 1954 Act.

The lessor now claimed that the effect of the erection of the clubhouse and the laying out of the golf course had to be taken into account in establishing the open market rental under clause 4 of the 1978 lease.

The lessor contended that any reviewed rent had to disregard the effect on rent of the clubhouse and

the laying out of the golf course; that the obligation in the 1973 lease to lay out the golf course had been discharged and the erection of the clubhouse was carried out by the lessor (the 1973 lease having conferred upon the lessee a mere permission).

His Lordship held that notwithstanding amendments to section 34 of the 1954 Act by the Law of Property Act 1969, the clubhouse did fall to be disregarded in determining the amount of the reviewed rent under clause 4 of the 1978 lease.

Mr Timothy Jennings for the lessor, Mr Alan Steinfield for the lessee.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the provision for a review of the rent in clause 4 of the 1978 lease was in similar terms to that in the 1973 lease as to the ascertaining of the open market value and the disregarding (if applicable) of those matters set out in paragraphs (a) (ii) and (c) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.

The question that had arisen was whether that was a reference to the Act as originally enacted or as amended by section 1 of the Law of Property Act 1969.

The relevant paragraph, paragraph (c) of the 1954 Act, stated that there was to be disregarded "any effect on rent of any improvement carried out by the tenant or a predecessor in title of his otherwise than in pursuance of an obligation to his immediate landlord".

The improvements giving rise to the issue between the parties, that is, the erection of the clubhouse, and the laying out of the nine-hole golf course, were not carried out by the lessee during the currency of the 1978 lease. The 1954 Act as amended by section 1 of the 1969 Act provided that the rent payable under section 34 (1) was to be such as might be determined to be that at which the holding might reasonably be expected to be let in the open market by a willing lessor, there being disregarded (i) any effect on rent of an improvement to which this paragraph applied, and then the following subsection was added:

"(2) Paragraph (c) . . . applies to any improvement carried out by a person who at the time it was carried out was the tenant, but only if it was carried out otherwise than in pursuance of an obligation to his immediate landlord . . . and subsection (2) contained further qualifications, and conditions which had to be satisfied.

The amendment to section 34 of the 1954 Act appeared to have been enacted in the light of the decision in the *Wanderland* case ((1965) AC 68), where improvements had been effected by the appellant company in 1926 under a tenancy which had expired prior to the grant of a new lease in 1938.

The House of Lords then held that paragraph (c) in section 34(1) of the 1954 Act referred only to improvements carried out by the tenant making the application for the tenancy and effected during the term of the tenancy current when the application was made or by a predecessor in title of his to the same tenancy and that work carried out by the company in 1926 should not be disregarded.

Then came the amending provisions of the 1969 Act.

There appeared to be no direct authority on the question whether, in a reference to a lease granted after 1969, section 34 of the 1954 Act had to be construed as a reference to the Act as originally passed or, as amended, but in *Easton Centre Properties Ltd v J. Wilson Ltd* ((1962) 262 EG 1079) Mr Justice Cantley, dealing with a lease granted in 1973 containing a provision that there should be disregarded "any of the matters referred to in section 34

(a)(ii) and (c) of the Act of 1954", assumed (as did counsel) that that was a reference to the 1954 Act as amended in 1969 but nothing had turned on the assumption. In any event, that tenant had not been the tenant at the appropriate time, but only a licensee.

Without any authority other than those "two cases" it had been submitted for the landlord that the references in the lease to the 1954 Act as originally enacted while it was said for the lessee that the reference was to the Act as amended in 1969 so that the clubhouse would fall to be disregarded because created within 21 years of the relevant review of rent; alternatively, the lessee had said, the effect of the words in clause 4 of the 1978 lease was simply to incorporate the words from the 1954 Act and, in doing that, the decision of the House of Lords in the *Wanderland* case was of no assistance in determining the significance of the words, the result being that once again the clubhouse would fall to be disregarded in considering the improvements made by the tenant.

The words in clause 4(1) of the 1978 lease were that the expression "open market value" meant a sum in relation to the review period "determined in manner hereinafter provided as being . . . the annual rental value of the demised premises . . . upon the supposition that the premises were let as a whole, and in accordance with the obligations as to repair and decoration herein imposed on the tenant such lease being on the same terms and conditions . . . and disregarding (if applicable) those matters set out in paragraphs (a) (ii) and (c) of section 34 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954".

Notwithstanding that Mr Justice Cantley assumed, without deciding, (no doubt because the assumption was made by counsel) that very similar words were to be treated as referring to the 1954 Act as amended, the court had come to the conclusion that, construed according to the ordinary canons of construction, those words referred to the Act as originally enacted.

What then was the true construction of paragraph (c) in section 34 of the 1954 Act when incorporated in the 1978 lease? The words of paragraph (c), when incorporated in the lease, did not necessarily have the same significance as they had as part of the statute. In the Act, they occurred in a provision dealing with applications for new leases; and in the context of a current lease the lessee who was making such an application.

When incorporated in the lease, they had to be construed in accordance with the ordinary canons of construction; and in particular having regard to the "matrix of facts" in the construction of that principle by Lord Wilberforce in *Prenn v Simmonds* ((1971) 1 WLR 1381). The words "carried out by the tenant" in paragraph (c) were apt to cover an improvement carried out by the tenant at any time, including a time when the tenant held the land under an earlier lease.

The improvements were carried out when the 1973 lease had some 48 years to run. The 1978 lease in effect extended the term for a further five years. It incorporated the words of the 1954 Act as originally enacted and the words, as incorporated, had a wider meaning than they had in the Act from which they were taken.

Accordingly, there would be a declaration that the true construction of the 1978 lease, the erection of the clubhouse and the laying out of the golf course fell to be disregarded in determining the relevant open market rental value in clause 4 of the lease.

Solicitors: Kenwright & Cox; Leonard Kasler & Co.

Special commissioners can adjust corporation tax assessment

Owton Fens Properties Ltd v Redden (Inspector of Taxes)
Before Mr Justice Vinelott
(Judgment delivered October 23)

An assessment to corporation tax which, in computing the total profits of a company misdescribed the source of that company's income, could be adjusted and increased, to take into account different kinds of income arising from other sources.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held, in the Chancery Division, in dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer company, Owton Fens Properties Ltd, from the special commissioners' determination that an assessment to corporation tax made on it for its accounting period to March 1973 and stated to be in respect of "building society interest and dividends", was not an invalid assessment and should be adjusted notwithstanding that the company's only taxable

income for the relevant period was of a different kind.

In November 1973 an estimated assessment to corporation tax of £8,000 was raised on the taxpayer company erroneously showing a figure on the prescribed CT4 form against the heading "building society interest and dividends". The figure should have been shown against the heading "Schedule A". Additionally the form did not show any amount in respect of chargeable gains that had accrued to the taxpayer company during the accounting period but which at the time were unknown to the inspector of taxes.

The taxpayer company immediately appealed against the assessment on the ground that the assessment was not in accordance with the accounts or information that was shortly to be sent to the tax inspector and which showed Schedule A income of £4,151 and chargeable gains of £28,406.

The matter there came to rest for some years, the estimated assessment remaining open and undetermined. In May 1983 the appeal came before the commissioners for hearing when the taxpayer company contended that under section 250 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (ICTA 1970) an assessment to corporation tax on the prescribed form CT4 could validly charge to tax only income or gains which were itemised under the headings on that form and that although section 50(7) of the Taxes Management Act 1970 enabled the commissioners on appeal to increase the amount of income from a specified source, it did not enable them to add income from a new source. Accordingly it was the taxpayer company's case that the assessment was bad and should be discharged. The commissioners declined to do so and increased the amount of the assessment to £31,634.

Section 250(3) of the ICTA 1970 provided that for the purposes of corporation tax income should be computed, and the assessment should be made, under the like Schedule and Cases as applied to those Schedules and Cases, but "the amounts so computed for the several sources of income, if more than one, together with any amount to be included in respect of chargeable gains, shall be aggregated to arrive at the total profits."

Mr C. W. Koenigsberger for the taxpayer company; Mr Robert Carnwath for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that the short answer to the taxpayer company's case was that the provisions of the ICTA 1970 (sections 238, 243, 247 and 250) required that in the case of a company all chargeable income and chargeable gains for a given accounting period be computed in one assessment. An appeal against

that was an appeal against the amount of corporation tax in an assessment.

Once an appeal was lodged the assessment was at large until determined by the commissioners under section 50(6) of the Taxes Management Act 1970. In the case of a corporation tax assessment it was the amount of total profits for the relevant period that was under appeal.

If the taxpayer company was right a specific source of income had to be determined and no machinery would exist for bringing before the commissioners the whole amount of corporation tax. Nor would there be machinery for determining, for example, group relief.

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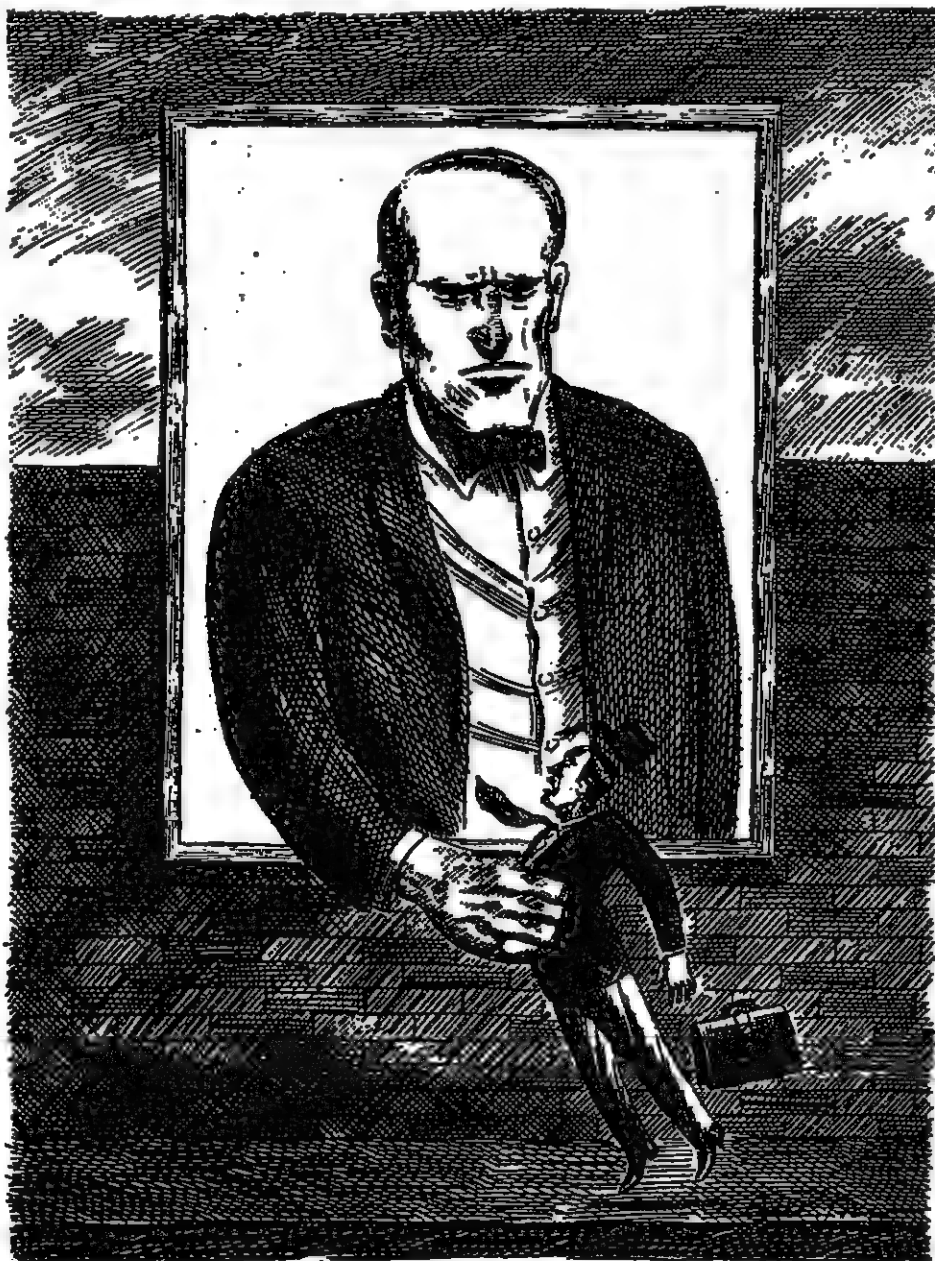
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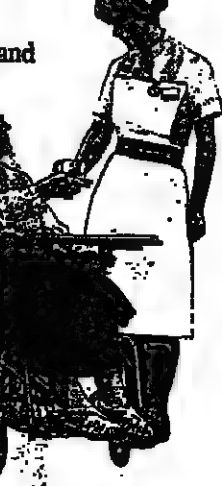
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Pillars of wisdom on the move

The Times Profile:
The British Library

Earlier this year, on a fine spring morning, readers sitting dozing or deep in study in the famous domed Reading Room of the British Library found themselves brusquely evicted from their handsome blue leather desks.

An industrial dispute had reduced the number of staff to fewer than the 50 people needed to run it: the library decided it had to close. The readers, many of them lifelong habitués of the building, stood for a while blinking resentfully on the steps of the British Museum, like night animals thrust into hateful daylight. Eventually, shaking their heads sorrowfully, they shuffled off.

The British Library, and in particular the round Reading Room so beloved of Marx, Lenin, Gibbon, Thackeray (who declared it filled his heart with "grateful reverence"), Thomas Hardy and George Bernard Shaw (who loved it so well he donated some of his royalties to the museum) has become more than work for many of those who use it.

The British Library is 11 years old this year. The readers scarcely noticed when an Act of Parliament chose to give its seal of approval, on July 1, 1972, to a proposal to separate the library from the British Museum, and bring all library services – bibliographical, reference, lending, research and

unless something were done quickly many books were liable to disintegrate and decay. By responding the library is signalling its firm intention to pursue modern times.

Just over two and a quarter centuries ago, the British Museum Act of 1753 created the first state library open to the public in Britain and provided a room in which "all studious and curious Persons" could sit.

Readers, of rather little importance in the early days, were moved seven times before finding a permanent home in the domed Reading Room in 1837 under the aegis of possibly the most inspired of the British Museum's librarians, Antonio Panizzi (later knighted).

The collection in Bloomsbury has around 10 million volumes, and fills 215 miles of shelving. As a national copyright library, it automatically receives a copy of everything printed, whether a new book, the sixteenth reprint of a best-selling novel, or the parish magazine.

The library also collects systematically from abroad, to increase collections first developed in the nineteenth century. The result is that the library is growing at the rate of some 500,000 items a year – or at the speed of two miles of shelving.

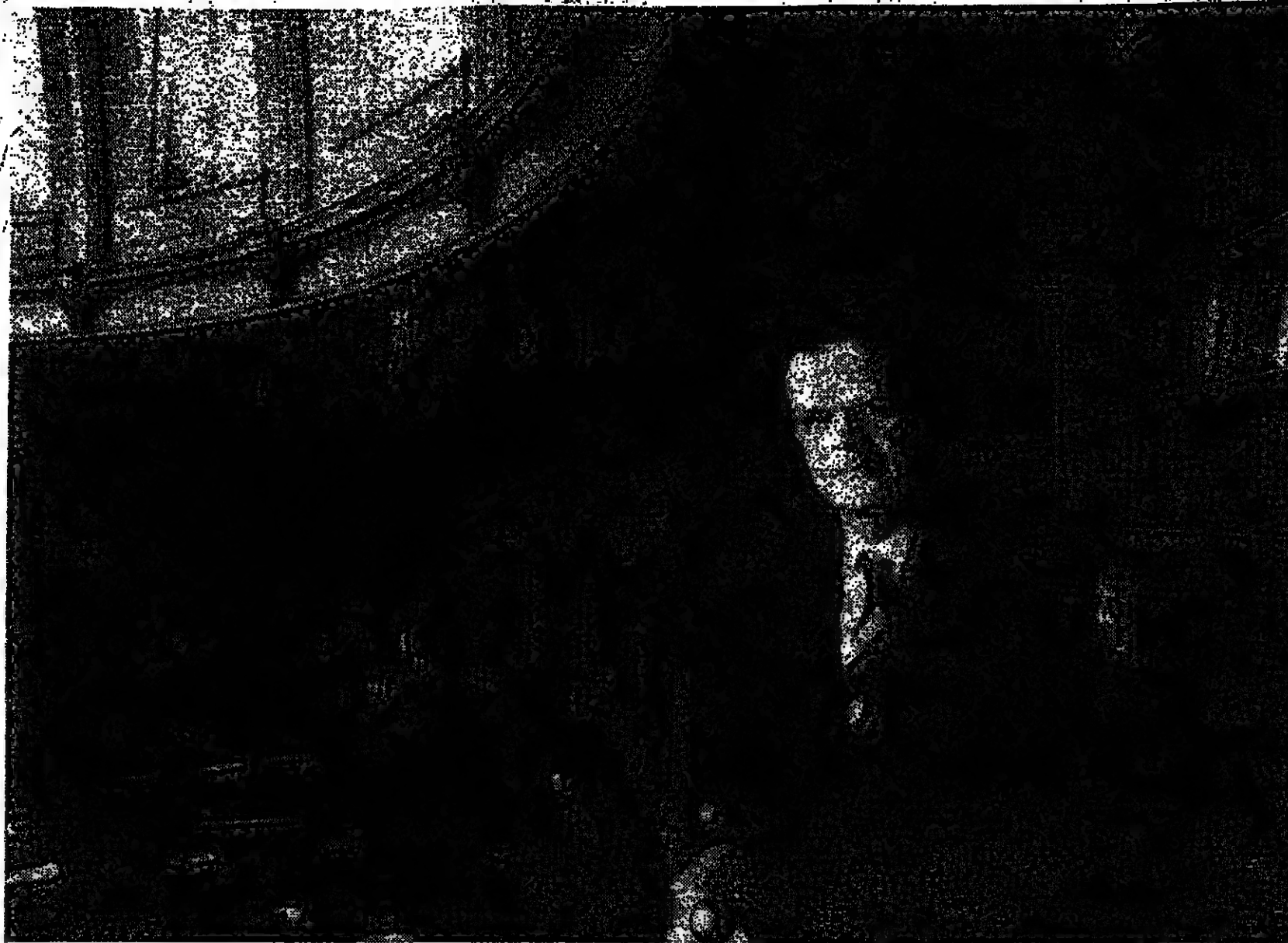
The library, like some gigantic cultural sponge, has been absorbing and shedding parts of its functions and collections. In 1825, its paintings went to the National Gallery. In 1905 its newspapers and periodicals moved to Colindale.

In much the same period, it built up a unique philatelic collection, now numbering more than six million stamps, as well as becoming Britain's leading library for the natural sciences, technology and industrial property.

The Reading Room and the printed books are the library's best known feature, but other departments are of considerable importance. The lending division, in Boston Spa, is a sort of literary factory, lending and photocopying at the rate of thousands of applications a day; the research and development division conducts advanced research into the future of libraries.

Plans began shortly after the Second World War for an expanded library to house these many new acquisitions, and to absorb the seemingly unstoppable deluge of new material. A first suggestion proposed enlarging both museum and library in all four directions. Then came an idea to build a new library opposite in Great Russell Street and Bloomsbury Square, linked by underground passages to the Reading Room. Local residents put a stop to that.

It was only after a committee



Thinking ahead: Sir Harry Hookway in the Reading Room; "the choice is between move and rot away"

of Inquiry under Sir Fred Dainton recommended in 1969 the administrative separation of library and museum that the way seemed finally clear for a second, this time geographical move to a new site to incorporate in one place what is now dispersed in 19 buildings.

In 1978, Mrs Shirley Williams, then Secretary of State for Education and Science, approved the building of a new library on a 9½-acre former goods yard next to St Pancras Station. Two years and a new administration later, fresh assurances were sought and given by Norman St John-Stevas, Minister for the Arts under Mrs Thatcher at the time.

In 1982, with a budget of £88m agreed for a first stage of foundations and basements 30 metres deep, work began. The British Library is generally agreed to be one of the three great libraries of the world, together with the Lenin Library in Leningrad and the Library of Congress in Washington. What is more, says the staff, it is now running remarkably well – at least for the public.

The first decade has seen the

introduction of valuable new technology, and a conscious opening-out of a previously somewhat insular institution. The first chief executive, Sir Harry Hookway, who retired recently, deemed it one of his main successes that the library has become "outward looking, nationally and internationally". Readers get better service than ever before.

As long as the research constitutes a "genuine need", and the would-be reader is not a student under 21, for whom libraries are assumed to exist elsewhere, a ticket is not difficult to obtain. About 84 per cent of the books requested are said by Mr Ken Gibson, head of public services, delivered to desks within an hour.

The academics, who wander and mutter along the stacks, are agreeably nurtured. "We try not to stop anyone," says Mr Gibson. "We do have some very elderly readers whose academic work is long over, but we have not yet withdrawn anyone's ticket on geriatric grounds."

The need for space had been obvious for years, and more and

more has been "outhoused" in warehouses around London but it took a report produced in 1975 to reveal just how vulnerable the British Library collection had actually become.

Dr David Clements, head of a new department of preservation, explains that £50,000 of the books were published before 1800. "We discovered that a quarter of those needed binding repairs and half de-acidification. Since the middle of the nineteenth century books have been published on wood pulp paper, with a life of 10 to 100 years. 'So where do you start?' This building has no air conditioning, enormous condensation, and there are parts where glass roofing brings the temperature to 100°F."

In workshops behind the museum craftsmen and women bind, repair, stitch and de-acidify at the rate of 3,000 volumes

a week and £6m a year. None of it is more than cosmetic.

"Only in a constant temperature and with low humidity can the rate of decay be slowed down," says Dr Clements.

Faced with emotional jibbing at the move to St Pancras, Sir Harry points out, somewhat tartly: "We will all shed a tear – but the choice is between move and rot away."

Some years ago, when the exodus to the goods yard seemed inevitable, a committee was set up by Lord Thomas to "save the Reading Room". Members include Lord Kennet, Kingsley Amis, Sir Isaiah Berlin, Jonathan Miller, Iris Murdoch and Concorde O'Brien.

The move, they argue, is absurdly expensive (some £300m to £600m in all), ill-researched (usage, far more than

conditions, harms books) and unnecessary.

British Library staff are understandably reluctant to enter a discussion on the subject, but they do admit to some anxiety about the timing of the plans.

To make the size of the scheme more palatable it has always been assumed that it would be completed bit by bit, phase by phase, with adjustments to plans by successive library boards and governments. Of the seven distinct phases only the first, IAA – foundations, basements and some superstructure – has been agreed, at £88m. It is what happens next, and what confusion may be generated by staffing that is causing concern.

"In the short term, we need government commitment to complete stage IAB," says Sir Harry. "That will take part of the department of painted books and the science reference

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library. But in one sense that would be the worst of all worlds, with the department of printed books split and storage everywhere.

"What we really hope for is to complete all phase one – to take in reading rooms, books and staff all in one place."

Such reassurance is not likely to be forthcoming. "In the next 12 months," says a spokesman for the Office of Arts and Libraries, "We'll be making a decision about IAB, 1B and 1C. We'll have to wait." The cost of completing 1A alone is put at between £50m and £60m.

When Sir Harry, a genial former civil servant and scientist who refers to himself as a "renegade scholar", was named first chief executive of the British Library, there was, he says, "consternation".

His successor, Mr Kenneth Cooper, is also a former civil servant, having come last month to the library from the Manpower Services Commission. "But this time," says Sir Harry, "there have been no complaints."

His point is that in just 10 years opinion has shifted strongly away from the tradition of pure scholar librarian to a more proper understanding of the need for good managers able to combine scholarship with comprehension of the new technology. In keeping with this Mr Cooper has said the library will soon produce a corporate plan.

Certainly, the demands on library staff now go well beyond those of pure scholarship. More than most institutions, the British Library is at an instant of change, as people ponder what they call the questionable "dinosaur" syndrome, with material accumulating without pause. They wonder whether the future may not hold the pattern of some libraries in America which see themselves as "community resource centres" with lists of local car pools and bus schedules.

As for the "studious and curious Persons" who made up the library's first readers, they would be bemused indeed by the microfiche and on-line retrieval systems.

Caroline Moorehead

'It is a day time
home, a refuge
from the
outside world'

publishing – under one separate and distinct administration, in and around Bloomsbury (with the exception of the lending division, which remains in Yorkshire, and the newspapers, still at Colindale).

They cannot, however, fail to notice that the British Library is making strenuous efforts to move altogether from its present site to a new building among the great Victorian railway stations of the Euston Road. This event once accomplished, (if, not once, say sceptics) will oust for ever the regulars from their Round Room desks. Not surprisingly, the move is being greeted with mistrust and distaste.

Nor should they miss the library's announcement this morning that it is to set up a National Preservation Act – the first of its kind – to act as adviser to all British libraries and to stimulate and promote good practices of conservation. In March the Ratcliffe report revealed that libraries all over Britain were facing a crisis:

There are some areas of design and planning which have hardly known a fresh idea in thirty years. Cinema posters, football match advertisements, National anthems, Whisky bottle labels. Above all, topographical postcards – those terrible things you send home from holiday, taking all the message space to explain to your friends that the place is not nearly as bad as the garish, flat, overexposed photo on the other side suggests.

The impulse of the postcard maker seems to be the same as that of diary manufacturers – to cram in as much boring, obvious detail as possible and print it as unhelpfully as possible. If postcard designers could get the Tower of London in the same photo as Buckingham Palace, they would.

moreover... Miles Kingston

Fresh back from Greece for the first time, I have wonderful news. The Greeks have made the long-awaited breakthrough. They still have the dreadful old cards, of course, crammed full of Ionic columns against a sky the colour of blue plastic carrier bags, but side by side, on different stands, they have a display of the most wonderful photographs never to get into an art gallery, in stunning colour, positively reeking of the joy felt by the photographer in finding the picture and often signed by the artist himself.

When this started, I do not know. Where is easier, the bulk of the pictures come from

Mykonos, an island much frequented by tourists, lotus-eaters and gays of all nations, but also, it seems, by highly original photographers. Their techniques have not yet been applied to the mainland, with the curious result that the best cards in a Peloponnesian town like Nafplion are all of Mykonos, but it can only be a matter of time before the revolutionary photographers unpack their bags on the mainland.

What seems to have happened is this. Someone with a camera said to himself: "A picture of lots of white houses or a row of boats or a line of windmills is boring. But a picture of part of a boat or a bit of a house – let us try that and see what it looks like. Perhaps he even said to himself: 'Let us give an idea of the general by photographing the particular – let the detail do the work of the panorama.'"

Whatever went through his mind, the result was ravishing. My favourite photograph is simply a series of white-washed steps, with a pot of I think, basil growing on the bottom one. The shadows playing down the white steps and picking out the roughness

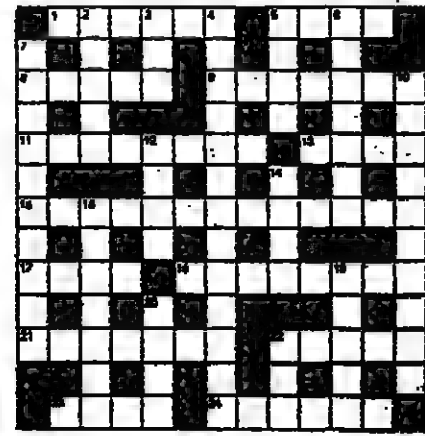
of the blinding white wall say as much about the sun and the rocks, the aridity and greenness, as a dozen wide angle views could hope to. The artist, Yiorgos Depollas, also has a close-up picture of a side of a boat – so close up that the sun-blistered strips of paint become an abstract painting, with only the grain of the wood to indicate it is not a painting.

The playfulness is terrific. Among the pictures I bought but could not bear to send are those of the feet of basket-menders, the head of a priest from behind, a faded portrait of the King and Queen of Greece on a shabby parlour wall, the prow of a fishing boat like a great painted seagull, two musicians grumpily tuning up, the very top of a church apparently floating over the sea like a round white UFO and a weirdly surrealist scene of a man in a black suit.

It's only a small revolution, of course, no bigger than the moment when calendars first became interesting or record sleeves went arty. But as with all, evendue revolutions, the relief is terrific, the smell of fresh air is wonderful. English postcards next, perhaps? There are some good ones around already. The trouble is, they are all sepia photographs taken in the last century.

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by

the Right Hon. James Hacker MP

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"I say, Humphrey, have you seen my new book from the BBC?"

"No Minister - has it been cleared through the proper channels?"

"Well really Humphrey, you know everyone's writing their memoirs nowadays."

"I believe so, Minister. Of course, it is not for me to comment on Ministerial eccentricities Minister."

"Oh come along Humphrey, it's simply splendid! It covers in detail my time in office as Minister for Administrative Affairs where my brief was to investigate and control administrative efficiency and overspending."

"Yes Minister."

How to use life to shed light on meaning

James Fenton reviews the last book of criticism by the Grand Old Man of poetry and Seven Types of Ambiguity

The genius of the late Sir William Empson's prose is very much bound up with his tone of voice. He wrote in much the same way as he spoke, and this means that, although he is often difficult to follow, he always convinces you that what he is saying is worth at least trying to catch. Some things in these essays - the last collection he himself put together before his death this year - are completely obscure to me. But that is not a fatal objection. Indeed, there are times when I suspect that his eccentricity is entertaining at the expense of sense. On such occasions I have a tendency to plump for entertainment. We should not always have our feet too firmly on the ground.

It could be, for instance, that there is no such thing as the improbable Wimsatt Law, which Empson several times attacks. Or perhaps it is overstated in the form given: the Law, says Empson, states that an author's intentions cannot (and should not) be grasped by the reader. Empson by contrast maintains that "a student of literature should be trying all the time to empathize with the author (and of course the assumptions and conventions by which the author found himself bound): to tell him that he cannot even partially succeed is about the most harmful thing you can do."

One of the uses of biography is to shed light on an author's intentions. The essays here collected demonstrate that particular use.

Empson's attitude appears to represent a stance. If heretical defence of common sense - until you come to see what he

USING BIOGRAPHY
by William Empson
Chatto & Windus £12.95

means by biography. Then you have, for a while, to pause. For what is here meant by biography is an altogether more brilliant and speculative undertaking than the word normally connotes. The foundation of biography is of course historical evidence, but where this is incomplete, Empson, by dint of the empathy he recommended to students of literature, attempts to furnish the missing details. Here, in his account of the death of Marvell, the technique is used to beautiful effect.

I suggest that he walked out from an evening party at a house in Hull, and used his entrenchment to walk out through a gate of the city, and walked for what remained of the night, indifferent to the fatal marshes; and returned at dawn to take the first coach back to London. As the coach jolted slowly, and he grew more and more feverish, he would reflect on how thoroughly tricky his situation had become, on every side. When at last he got home, irritated all over, and his doctor suggested a whisky medicine, as the "tertiary" returned, warning him that it would cause a long, deep sleep, he accepted that eagerly: nobody expected to die from a real sleep he would expect to wake up, as often before, suddenly seeing a way out, knowing what to do.

Three of these essays are devoted to Marvell. The third of them, which ends with the passage quoted, is much of the time impossible to follow, and it is full of adumbrations of what a person would have done or thought. To know whether



you agree with his speculations, you really need to have at your disposal all the evidence gathered by Empson; but this is made impossible by the blurring of distinctions between speculations and evidence.

The speculative method is used in a more controlled

fashion in the essay on Yeats and the evidence for the Byzantium poems. Once again, the key is empathy, and once again, Empson's daring is remarkable. He is thinking about the mechanical bird, and wondering why the idea of the poet's becoming such a thing

had so much significance for Yeats. And he begins to think, perhaps Yeats himself once owned, or wished to own, a mechanical bird of the kind that was popular in the 1870s. And Empson tells us how his own grandmother had such a toy, and how he had seen it as a child, and how his mother (born in 1863, the same year as Yeats) had also seen it as a child. The passage continues in a relaxed way, with memories of the mechanical birds which Queen Victoria sent to the Empress Dowager of China, and which (since the communist victory there) have been removed from public display. We are even told the name of the firm, Ellicott, which made them.

Such tours, Empson says, "had come to be felt somehow edifying, or at least poetical in a high-minded way; many people nowadays, while regarding this sentiment as quaint and remote, would yet feel that the doll in *Persepolis* is telling you some mysterious truth which half comforts you and half makes you cry." This point is well worth arriving at, and it is difficult to see how Empson could have got to it without his empathizing, biographical, and indeed, autobiographical, method.

The same approach is used to elucidate the notoriously obscure lines: "For Hades' hobbin, bound in mummy-cloth/May unwind the winding path", which I had always assumed to be nonsense. According to Empson, Yeats is thinking of the technique used by Theseus in the labyrinth, or by Curdie in George MacDonald's *The Princess and the Goblin*. Yeats imagines picking up the mummy and unwinding the single length of cloth in order to mark his way back to daylight. Presumably, then, the furthest point to which he could penetrate Byzantium is the point at which the contents of the wrapping are fully revealed to him.

The Princess and the Goblins was, published, Empson says, "when Yeats was seven years old and became part of the equipment of every respectable Victorian nursery. One of my earliest memories is of clutching a candle in my shaking hand and climbing over heaps of coal as I wound up the thread left by my sister across the vast and labyrinthine cellars of Yockfleet Hall. If the child Yeats had not played this game, too, it is hard to see why the grotesque conceit rang a bell in him."

Whether or not we quite share Empson's conviction that he and Yeats played the same games and were impressed by the same toys, there is a welcome and corrective vividness about his elucidation of the Byzantium poems, which demands that you remember Yeats's Victorian childhood and the kind of circumstances that formed his imagination. Of equal, perhaps greater value, is his review of *The Waste Land* manuscripts and his thoughts as to its meaning and origin.

Summarizing the theme which Pound must have detected, and which English readers tend to regard as incidental to the poem, Empson suggests as follows: "London has just escaped from the First World War, but it is certain to be destroyed in the second one, because it is in the hands of financiers. The very place of it will be sown with salt, as Carthage was, and forgotten by men; or it will be sunk under water." To this reading, the suppressed passages of Jew-baiting are "still deeply involved in the final poetry." But Empson is not surprised at Eliot's *The Jew Baiter*. He is "not inclined to pull a long face about this. A writer had better rise above the ideas of his time, but one should not take offence if he doesn't."

Lessing's little experiment, fishnets, bluestockings, and satirical fantasies

Early last year I was sent for review *The Diary of a Good Neighbour* by Jane Somers. Always keen to discuss a first novel, which, despite the pseudonym, I assumed this to be, I read it to its rather bitter end. On reflection, I decided there were novels more deserving of attention that week. Despite some passages that chimed, I thought Jane Somers's work diffuse, inconsistent, and overbearing dreary. I haven't changed my mind now the author is revealed to be Doris Lessing.

Lessing's "little experiment" - the value of which her American publisher likened to a pair of old socks - provoked a spirited debate which clouded the most crucial issue of all. Doris Lessing's early novels were thought to be good because they were good - not because they were by Doris Lessing. The novels of Jane Somers - another followed - went unremarked because quite simply they were unremarkable.

A diary is perhaps not the best format in which to explore and discipline the menopausal shapelessness of a character's life. That of Jane Somers - attractive, middle-aged editor of a woman's glossy - is not only narcissistically repetitive, it is also written in prose that is

FICTION

Nicholas Shakespeare

THE DIARIES OF JANE SOMERS

By Doris Lessing
Michael Joseph, £9.95

PARACHUTES AND KISSES

By Erica Jong
Granada, £8.95

often as incontinent as the people she meets - derelict old women, lunatic nieces, helplessly married men. Unconvincing as a magazine editor, Jane Somers is a soggy creature in need of a shake; someone, I can't help feeling, now I know, who has crawled from the pages of an early Lessing novel that has been dropped in the bath.

One of Lessing's greatest fans - one who mentions her in the same hot breath as Tolstoy - is Erica Jong. This third volume of the life and loves of Isadora Wing examines the problems of someone who has written a seminal work like *Fear of Flying*. Despite a prediction that Erica Jong will do for guacamole what Marianne Faithfull did for Mars Bars, the

result is not particularly penetrating or erotic. It does, though, inspire me to react with the emotional excess and candour of its author. One of the more self-indulgent novels to come my way, *Parachutes and Kisses*, left me with the strong suspicion that it was written with a vibrator.

We rejoin Isadora experiencing "every woman's greatest nightmare". She has won success only to lose the one man she has ever loved. Unable to cope with her success, husband Josh has walked out - Josh that man with whom she had such a rare understanding. ("They could go to a dull dinner party, listen to some tortuous speech by the host, merely glance at each other and understand at once what the other thought...") Left holding their baby, Isadora is morose to the point of migraines. Aware of her sexuality - "the cosmic juice of her being" - she plunges into a series of affairs. Sex at 39 is better than ever. Her orgasms, we are reliably informed, "grasp at the emptiness of certain death with unaccustomed ferocity".

And there are orgasms with a disc jockey, a Nobel Laureate and most gratifying of all one Berkeley Sproul. Fourteen years her junior, Sproul has learned

his love-making from her books. "He was tender, but there was no question he was a man."

If Isadora can be admired for the uninhibited way in which she refuses to censor herself, she must be grieved for exposing the most horrifying truth of all. She is a crashing bore, which no amount of learned reference - to Rilke, Neruda, even Lessing - can redress. In fact her most irritating quality is this attempt to wear blue stockings over her fishnets. A sentence like "they made the love that Ruskin and his Ellicott could not make" is both tasteless and meaningless.

Stuart Evans

DE ALFONCE TENNIS

By J. P. Donleavy
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £8.95

BLUE PASTORAL

By Gilbert Sorrentino
Marian Boyars, £9.95

On the eve of the attack on Pearl Harbour, a luxury yacht, the "Hidayah", bearing thirteen of the fourteen players of a vigorous and exclusive game, Bangkok, disappeared in strange circumstances. "The Fourteenth", Horatio Josiah De-Alfonce Adams IV, much later, engineers his own stylish demise, but bequeaths to J.P.,

author of this manual, a tennis kit of strange appearance.

It lies forgotten for some time until J.P.'s interest in spirited games is aroused on a transatlantic voyage by a beautiful and athletic English heiress, Laura. While briefly admitted to her charms, he has to endure the jealous presence of a singularly loud aristocrat, Lord Charles. Reunited with Laura in New York, J.P., is introduced to her luxurious house equipped with a De-Alfonce court. They engage in a rapturous game. Sooft after Laura is driven into the Grand Canyon in a Rolls by Lord Charles.

The bereft J.P., makes it his duty to record the evolution of the game, the relationship of Laura and "The Fourteenth". His own agony of love; and sets himself up as the arbiter of all that is elegant, correct and admirable in this pursuit of elite, very rich people. The Rules are outlined; necessary accoutrements are listed in detail; there are notes on appropriate conduct for De-Alfonce players, an ideal regimen, and matters miscellaneous including response to an obscene telephone call, approach to champagne, and funeral compartment.

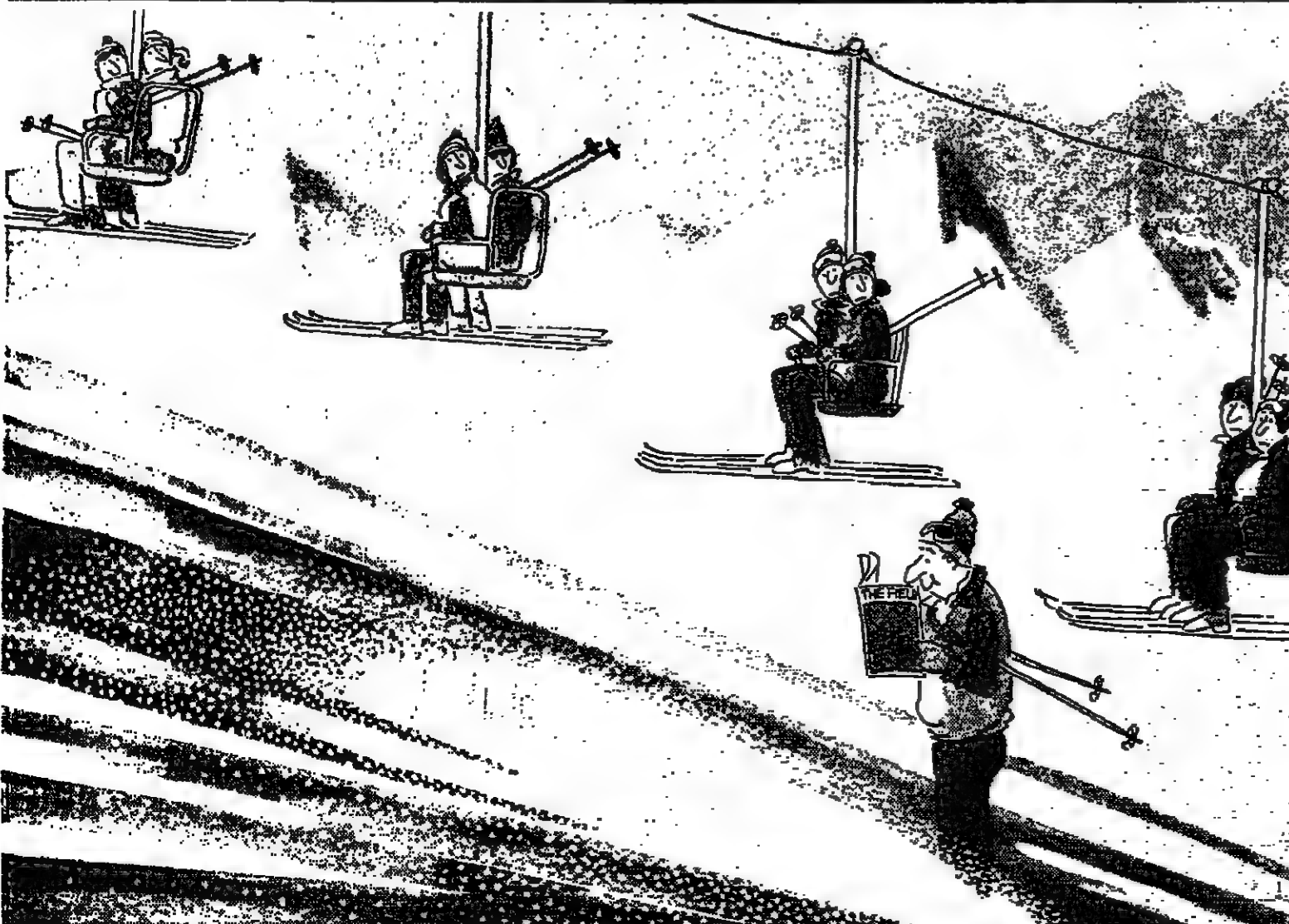
The novel is satirical fantasy of the highest order, written with exquisite deadpan wit which frequently erupts into high comedy or riotous farce: a mordant study of elitist tailoring which is thoroughly enjoyable.

Blue Pastoral is also a satirical fantasy of ebullient

invention, but admirers of the riproaring comedy of Gilbert Sorrentino's *Mulligan Stew* or the beautifully constructed *Aberration of Starlight* might be disappointed by this sprawlingly comprehensive send-up of the pastoral form in all its manifestations. The author hints in the final chapter that he may be accused of self-indulgence and responds with a brisk obscenity which is characteristic of much of the language in the novel and the action. In fact, its lewdness and cruelty are startling.

A not-entirely ingenious New Yorker, Serge Gavotte (otherwise Blue) sets out with his wife and infant son to trek across America in search of the perfect musical phrase. The quest takes him through Eastern, Mid-Western, Southern, and South-Western states until he reaches California where he takes leave of his wits in San Francisco. On the way he affords Mr Sorrentino the opportunity of ruthlessly ridiculing pastoral convention and in so doing satirizing without mercy almost every aspect and assumption of American life.

The writing has immense energy and versatility. Some of the episodes - a Saint Patrick's Day address by a fanatic Irish-American; Father Donald Debris SJ, on the Christian approach to sex; Big Black's violent lecture; a Southern idyll - are venomously effective, but the highly mannered mixture of archaic elaboration and unusually foul demented becomes ultimately very wearing.



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class perks equitably; and he is scandalized by the sacrosanctity of mortgage interest relief. The apostate in him is more interesting than the disciple.

He has seen from the inside that the levers in Great George

Pavlova flutters in *The Dragonfly* by Kreisler

There are marvellously funny comments from *The Bystander* and *The Tattler* about her quarrel with her partner, Mordecai (ing"), on her experiences on tour, on jazz and fashions.

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bedded, as things go these days.
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are no fewer than eight glaring
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surreptitiously into the shower
for an illicit drag at his ghastly
pipe? Who can tell? But no
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international congress of humour in South Korea, where the subject of the congress died the death of a thousand definitions. Seldom in the field of human authorship has so

Not a lot happens in this volume. The main events are Blishen's struggle to give up smoking and a visit to an

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● **The Master Key**, by Masako Togawa (*Century*, \$8.95). Extraordinarily atmospheric Japanese thriller, published in 1963, and only now translated into English (by Simon Grove). A once-lively, now sad and faded hostel for single ladies holds long-buried, near-forgotten criminal secrets. A road-widening scheme affecting the building re-wakens memories and passions. Miss Togawa writes with economy, subtlety and an astonishing feel for time, mood, and the eccentricities of loneliness. An eerie gem.

● **Lightning**, by Ed McBain (*Hamish Hamilton, £8.95*). Running proves fatal to a succession of girl athletes, and a rapist repeats his crimes on the same victims. McBain is thankfully back in the 87th precinct with old friends, but the tone is a little darker than usual, the issues more disturbing.

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Striking similarity

Links have been established between striking Notts miners and the IRA's political wing, Sinn Féin. According to Martin Bower of Cotgrave NUM, writing in the left-wing *Labour Briefing*, 14 Notts miners recently visited Northern Ireland because they decided that with the tactics the Police were using on picket lines it would be beneficial for us to witness things at first hand and draw our own conclusions as to any similarities. The delegation was shown round by Sinn Féin supporters, writes Bower, and saw "all the foris that the British Army had built to justify their presence" and "the sophisticated monitoring systems which aid the repression of the Nationalist population in the surrounding areas of West Belfast." The miners also attended "workshops" in a mill just off the Falls Road. Bower does not mention that the mill houses the Sinn Féin advice centre. Nor, unfortunately, does he reveal what they learnt.

Bowing out

Paul Eddington, star of *Yes Minister* and *The Good Life*, will resign this morning from the board of Bristol Old Vic Theatre in protest against the acceptance of £5,000 worth of sponsorship from Imperial Tobacco. Eddington, who has been on the board for ten years, says he no longer feels he can accept money earned by damaging people's health.

Send a rocket

The Labour Party was thrilled when it first saw *Thatcher's Regret: A Bad Case of the Blues* - the collection of satirical, contradictory and downright embarrassing Thatcher quotations which Chatto publish on November 3. So much so that it offered to hold a big Guy Fawkes night launch party at its Waltham Road headquarters with fireworks, a male Mrs T impersonator, and Labour leaders in attendance.

Unfortunately it only occurred to someone a week ago to ask the political affiliation of the authors - Melanie MacFadyen and Margaret Renn - lest they turned out to be Tories. It proved even worse. Renn said she belonged to the Socialist Workers' Party, and Labour has abruptly cancelled the festivities.

When trying to send an urgent "telex" yesterday I dialled 190 to be told British Telecom could not deliver the message until the following day. "If you want to reach him today," said the obliging operator, "why don't you use the Interlora service?"

Weak defence

Bruce Fraser, who dismally failed to set up a Conservative CND last month when right-wingers packed the meeting, should be more selective about his correspondence. At the time I revealed - from a letter he had written to an apparent supporter - that he had conveniently joined the Tory Party three months earlier to give himself credibility. Now he has written to another professed supporter disclosing that he is still burrowing away, and recognizing "the need to be more professional this time". The recipient's name? Huw Shooter - the young Monday Clubber fined £200 in Brighton for helping to destroy CND's mock Trident submarine.

BARRY FANTONI



'Neville thought for years St Michael was the patron saint of underwear'

Abroad view

A batch of blistering "post reports" written by Australian diplomats to guide their successors has just been released under Australia's Freedom of Information Act. Incumbents of the Dublin embassy say: "The generally lax attitude of the Irish towards business and working life and an all-too-common lack of professionalism at most levels of Irish society are more suggestive of a developing-country mentality than that of a Western European country." While Ireland's "poor standard of living" is attributed to excessive alcohol and lack of discipline. Of a posting to Bangkok, the diplomats conclude their diatribe: "Thank God the Embassy has a happy hour at the Bunyip Bar." Chicago is "inverted and parochial"; Rangoon has "five times as many rats as people"; Lagos is "large, dirty, unattractive and unhealthy"; and, on Kingston, "almost anyone with skill or wit applies those talents to leave Jamaica forever." Diplomats advise against giving formal dinners to Ghanaians, and stress that "oral subtleties such as irony should be avoided until confident of the level of sophistication of even highly educated Ghanaians." Sadly, I cannot trace any comments from London postings.

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Miners: hit them in the conscience

by Norman Strauss

The clearest lesson of the seven-month coal strike is that the Government is still not adequately equipped to handle a well-trained and organized opponent in psychological and presentational terms. Moving coal stocks is much easier than shifting attitudes and beliefs. To a convinced striking miner there is as yet no alternative but to carry on. The idea of a slow drift back to work was always optimistic unless new information made miners, their families and all those involved see things differently.

Providing that political information is the Government's responsibility, even though the strike is against the NCB, it is precisely because this strike is against the known policy of a democratic government that it ought to be defeated.

The Government's many roles must be clarified and its true purpose made clear. New pressure points must be identified to cause movement of hearts and minds. The obvious list - DHSS payments, suspended mortgage and HP payments, tax rebates and free coal - will merely induce further hatred of authority. A different part of the human spirit must be reached.

The identification of stimuli to achieve this has so far eluded the Government and is probably outside Ian McGregor's consciousness.

The task is to cause lots of citizens to think again and, by so doing, see things differently. At a minimum, those closest to the striking miners must begin to ask questions and wonder whether they are doing the right thing.

Why do state and business institutions (including the banks, building societies, local traders and HP companies) bend over back-

wards not to upset the strikers and to minimize their hardships? The pickets are prepared to cause bodily harm and mental stress to those who disagree with them. Why should the state be kind to people who are so cruel and hostile to its laws in contempt? Is it fair that only the state always turns the other cheek?

Is it just that, by diverting the attentions of government departments to the strike, energies, resources and attention to the problems of long-term unemployment, the welfare state, youth training and adult retraining are reduced?

What makes the modern unemployed miner different from all other unemployed people? Why should miners' children have their jobs guaranteed when nobody else's children do? Why should they be allowed to hijack an unfair share of the nation's resources, thereby putting other people out of jobs? Why should they be able to seek to minimize their own future discomfort at the expense of everybody else?

It is a measure of the NCB's failure that such questions as these would still not be asked with miners. Why aren't they ashamed of the violent acts carried out in their name? What is needed to get them to re-evaluate their whole beliefs and approach?

A set of new strategic options and a working plan must be created to cause the key figures to think again and to "re-evaluate" their view of the possible, the most humbly desirable, and the most likely outcomes of this conflict. For it is this process

alone that can cause them to alter previously fixed positions.

There are no fewer than nine clear groups who have a leadership stake in this issue: the NUM and its officials; the striking miners; the officials; all other people who work in the coal industry; Parliament; the Government; the opposition parties; and the TUC.

Without new efforts from at least some of these parties, the most likely outcome now looks as if it will be led by events rather than by strategy. Future events, the they power cuts, atrocities, inhuman actions, personal frustration, deaths, accidents, exhaustion, or a flash of public debate and public capitulation will themselves force a reevaluation upon all the groups affected. The worse events become, the more the pressures on those involved will mount until, finally and very painfully, something has to give.

A state-of-the-art yet human perspective is vital when the insiders involved in the dispute are all under extreme psychological pressure and have developed seemingly unshakable and deeply loyal views of the justness of their own positions. In the hope that this mature approach can still occur, there follows an agenda for miners who might like to think again now that the unthinkable must be thought.

Recognize that this strike now involves national optimism and credibility. It is no longer self-contained and just about coal. An interlocking range of issues and policies encompassing the social, economic, energy policy, industrial

competitiveness, new technology, capital investment and unemployment trends and forecasts underlies both the Government's reason for demanding an efficient coal industry and the miners' reasons for striking. In this context, it is a privilege to be allocated more resources per head than workers in other industries, not a right.

Identify and address sympathetically the crucial psychological variables at work among the miners: these include individual uncertainties, hopes and fears, and the need for self-respect as a worker, citizen, parent, community member and individual.

Decide on the ideas, experiences and beliefs that are cementing current patterns of anti-social behaviour: explain why this has happened and work out something better that could replace them over time.

Show goodwill by admitting to past errors and mistakes and apologising accordingly. Remember that you want them to climb down too.

Realize the massive number of elements that need to be originated and communicated and set the government machine to work on the full-time inter-departmental task force basis. Use outside academic and media advisers both as a check on the work and to help draw up a plan for communicating the new understanding and reasons for hope. Check that good citizens can see all this to be fair and convincing. If they can't, why should the striking miners?

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The Freemason Dean of St Albans explains his apparently conflicting beliefs to Pat Krett

Christ his witness, the Great Architect his guide



Dr Moore: "There can be only one God"

people who would otherwise have nothing, it gives them something. And it is one of the bases of Freemasonry that you accept the existence of the Great Architect of the Universe. This is God, though not in the Christian sense. The God that we worship is the same God that Jews and Muslims worship. It is God. There can be only one God.

While sympathizing with those Christians who feel that they could not belong to a body that excluded recognition of Christ's divinity, he said that it was not an issue of conscience for him: "Some people feel that their allegiance to Christ is compromised by associating with people who accept God but not Christ. I don't feel like that. I am glad to be associated with people who accept God as Creator."

And he stressed that he saw no conflict between his Christian belief and commitments and his Masonry membership: "I have no doubt at all

what my top priority is - which is my job as Dean - which is my life."

Dr Moore has risen to high rank both in the Church and Freemasonry. He is at one time held office as Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge, the London-based top tier of Masonry. But he emphasized that being a Mason had in no way helped his Church career.

He joined when a chaplain at New College, Oxford, attracted by the movement's mystique and because a number of his friends were members. "The element of secrecy in it interests me. You want to know why."

A few years ago he started an annual service in St Albans for Freemasons, with agreement of the Chapter. This year's, held last Sunday, attracted a congregation of about 300 Masons and their wives.

Did a Masonic service have any special features, I asked Dr Moore. He said no Masonic insignia would be worn, nor any changes made to

the cathedral decor, though he admitted that in the past some bizarre things had been allowed elsewhere which had generated concern.

To the bad old days extraordinary things were done. For instance there are tales of the cross being removed from churches because the Masons had a service. But I have nothing to do with that sort of thing. Anyone who comes to worship in the cathedral does what we do.

I attended the service, and the only part which jarred was the description in the closing prayer given by the Rev Dr Robert MacQueen, a former GP and now rector of Royston, Hertfordshire, to heaven as "The Great Grand Lodge above".

Dr Moore and Dr MacQueen later reassured me that there was no Freemasonry in Heaven. It was a Masonic synonym.

The origins of the special vocabulary and sometimes blood-curdling oaths of the Craft is in part an accident of history, said Dr Moore. "Masonry going at the beginning of the eighteenth century in England - a period of allegory. If we started today we shouldn't start with a lot of the things that exist."

Various unpleasant and even fatal penalties are accepted in a solemn ceremony as the punishment for anyone who betrays the Brotherhood's clandestine codes. The tongue and heart to be torn out and the bowels burned to ashes.

But this was not intended to be taken literally, said Dr Moore. "These are the traditional penalties. I have never heard of them being used. If I really thought that was going to happen I would pack up tomorrow."

Dr Moore pointed out that Masonry raised large sums for charities, and no longer exclusively their own. The often heard complaint that they "feathered their own nests" had been heeded and there had been radical changes.

The St Albans Abbey restoration appeal for £1.7m has benefited by a £5,000 donation from Grand Lodge.

He also made it clear that one of the valued aspects of Masonry for him, and many others, is the comradeship it offers. He explained: "I can go to any part of the country, any town anywhere, and will be welcomed in the lodge without reservation. It enables me to meet a cross section of the community whom I should otherwise never meet."

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Hunt v Helms: America's other key contest

Raleigh, North Carolina The people of North Carolina like to refer to themselves as "Tarheels", a term coined by a Confederate general to praise the tenacity of North Carolina soldiers in battle.

In many ways Senator Jesse Helms, the state's senior Republican senator and congressional standard-bearer for the New Right, embodies Tarheel characteristics. Like those Confederate troops, he always stands his ground - even when defeat seems certain.

A year ago it looked as though he was doomed to lose the Senate seat he has held for the past 12 years. At that time he was trailing his Democratic rival, Governor James Hunt, in the polls and had suffered a severe rebuff during the 1982 congressional elections when five right-wing Republicans he had endorsed were all defeated.

Now he has pulled level and it is a toss-up which of them will win the election. Not once during the past 16 months did he bend under the pressure of Hunt's once-commanding lead.

The epic struggle between Helms and Hunt has been described as the second most important contest of the 1984 election. Certainly it is one of the most expensive. By the time voting takes place on November 6 the two contestants will have spent more than \$20m between them, making it the most costly Senate race in American history.

Two thirds of that amount will have been spent by Helms who has been heavily financed by right-wing millionaires like Nelson Bunker Hunt and conservative Christian groups.

It is also one of the dirtiest contests. Helms, who does most of his campaigning through TV com-



Hunt (left): solid record. Helms: apostle of the New Right



mercials, is not known for his subtlety. He accuses Hunt of "bringing in the coalition of blacks and liberals and homosexuals and labour unions". His campaign literature shows Hunt alongside Rev Jesse Jackson, the former black presidential aspirant whose name evokes hate and fear among many Southern whites.

A victory for Helms, aged 62, would firmly establish the conservative base within the Republican party. The growing influence of the New Right was revealed in the manifesto which the party adopted at its Dallas convention: the re-election of Helms would greatly boost the neo-conservatives drive for the adoption of the more contentious policies - on abortion and school prayer, for example.

If Hunt succeeds in defeating Helms he will be seen as a giant

killer, the man who defeated the ayatollah of the New Right and made the South safe for moderate Democrats.

The Helms-Hunt race is a contest between representatives of two historical, distinctly Southern forces. Helms's politics are of the segregationist South, a South which still sees the Civil War and Reconstruction as the benchmarks by which to measure present-day events. He is anti-communist and anti-gay government. His enemies range from Castro to Kennedy, from pinks to the press.

His Senate record has been largely a negative one. He carried out an unsuccessful filibuster last year against a national holiday honouring Martin Luther King, whom he denounced as a communist. For his backers - poor whites, conservative businessmen, tobacco farmers and Christian fundamentalist groups - such as the Moral Majority - Helms can do no wrong.

Governor Hunt, who is 47, is a member of a new generation of

pragmatic Democrats who have been springing up in positions of authority across the South. Others include governors Charles Robb of Virginia, Richard Riley of South Carolina, Robert Graham of Florida and Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia.

Helms obtained during one of his televised debates with Helms, they believe in three things: balanced budgets, economic growth coupled with full employment, and racial justice.

Most North Carolinians, including many Helms supporters, agree that Hunt's record as a two-term governor has been a good one. New, much of it high-tech, has poured into the state, creating thousands of new jobs.

On social issues he has managed to be progressive without being seen to be too liberal.

Hunt needs the black vote if he is to win, and is counting on the 100,000 newly-registered black voters to support him on November 6. Helms's supporters have been carrying out a registration drive of their own, mainly among Christian fundamentalists, and claim to have signed up more new voters than the Democrats.

During the eight years he has been in office, Hunt has set up an effective grassroots organization in all of North Carolina's 100 counties. It is said that no one can be born, get married or die in North Carolina without getting a letter from the governor's office. On election day he will have a much stronger organization working for him than Helms, who will have to rely mainly on the strength of his personality and on his heavily-bankrolled TV campaign to persuade his followers to go out and vote.

Nicholas Ashford

Ronald Buff

Equal under the law - well almost

In one more battle for the kind of liberalism which uses the strong arm of the state to enforce its ideas, Lord Scarman last week persuaded the House of Lords to amend the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill to make racially discriminatory behaviour by a police officer a specific disciplinary offence. The essence of Lord Scarman's argument and that of supporting peers was a simple one. It was not that the change would make any difference to the behaviour of the police. His essential case, which, he said, was built on his experience of Brixton and Toxteth, was that "there is no single step that could be taken which would be more effective in building up confidence among black people in the attitudes of the police than that there should be included in the police disciplinary code this specific offence".

In other words, a special provision of potentially widespread significance throughout Britain is to be written into a law as a kind of public relations exercise to satisfy one and only one racial group rather than as a genuine measure to deal with a legal loophole. That is an abuse of law-making.

The Government differed from Lord Scarman, Lord Elton, the Home Office Minister of State, observed that the effect of the amendment would be to say, through the statute book, that "all members of ethnic minorities, for no matter how many generations they had been scolded in this country, were inescapably different from the rest of the community; they must be inescapably different because conduct towards them and them alone is to be singled out for specific mention in the law".

That, Lord Elton added, would hardly convince the police that all men were equal under the law; nor would it encourage them to establish close relationships with the groups in question. Since the police code already covers improper or uncivil treatment of any citizen, black or white, it would do the ethnic minorities no good to be separated in this way from the generality of citizens. It must indeed be wrong for the same action to be dealt with under a different part of the police code according to whether the other person involved is black or white.

Yet perhaps the worst aspect of this amendment is that it could force police officers, quite unfairly, to defend themselves from an unprovable but hard to disprove accusation relating to motive as distinct from behaviour. In certain cases in which a police officer was accused of behaving improperly or uncivilly to a citizen, it might be alleged that, because they were each of different races, he had a motive of racial discrimination which differentiated this case from other cases of similar behaviour where the racial motive could not be alleged because policeman and citizen were of the same "race".

This could matter if the incident had occurred in difficult policing circumstances of a kind which might be held to be in some degree extenuating. If the policeman could not prove that he was uninfluenced by racial discrimination where it was alleged, the extenuating circumstances would be harder to take into account. Where there could be no question of racial discrimination,

the extenuating circumstances might apply. What kind of equality is this?

Indeed, what sort of justice is it? All the legislation in the world cannot establish the impulses and motives in the hearts of men that may condition, or partly condition, their actions, and of which they themselves are not perhaps fully conscious. If a Welshman on the spur of the moment is more inclined to give the benefit of the doubt to another Welshman, is that justifiable? And even the Equal Opportunities Commission has not yet found a way of getting at an employer who, when it comes to choosing a secretary from among two or more or less equal candidates, instinctively chooses the pretty one whose smile he likes.

Why should not this special legislation in respect of racial minorities be extended to other minorities? Why should not the police code include a special protection for homosexuals and lesbians or even for women, that more than half of the human race who now often seek to qualify for some kind of minority status in the progressive vocabulary? Why should it not include a provision that it is a disciplinary offence for the police to be prejudiced against youth of whatever race?

After all, there are circumstances in which the police will look with a much more jaundiced eye at youth collectively than at people of mature years collectively. They will often, quite rightly, be more suspicious of the former if only on the empirical grounds that someone is more likely to get bashed up in a crowd of the cowering than in an assembly of the grizzled. Some actions taken in such circumstances might be represented, or misrepresented, as the product of discrimination.

But even Lord Scarman would presumably have thought it silly to amend the bill to make discriminatory "behaviour" - whatever precisely "behaviour" means - against youth a specific disciplinary offence.

If there is provably unfair or uncivil treatment of any individual, white, black, young or old, then the police officer is guilty of an offence under the code. That offence would, of course, include racial abuse or unfair treatment of a black person compared with a white person (or vice versa) in the same situation. But it would be wrong to weaken the law (the essence of which is that it should be clear and precise) by incorporating in it general declaratory statements of good intent requiring an assessment of police motive as distinct from police action. For in some districts and in some circumstances it is almost inevitable that police officers would be vulnerable to the charge of having acted out of racial discrimination, when they were simply keeping the peace.

Lord Scarman justifies his amendment chiefly on the grounds that it would give confidence to the black community. Since he is thus exercised more by public relations than by strictly legal requirements, he should think about the impact on white communities and on police morale. The Government should use its elected majority in the Commons to overturn this amendment which is due to be considered today. But it may fear to do so.

Paul Jennings

A Midsummer Nightmare

It is no more possible to prove that *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is the greatest play in the world than that Mozart is the greatest composer. What matters is that you can always have fun casting any possible group, whether of your friends or of public figures, for this most universal and profound work.

Let us take British politics. There can be no doubt who plays best in the part of the Amazons, whose forthcoming nuptials to Theseus (played by Michael Heseltine) are the occasion for the rude mechanicals' play. This of course is part of the general proceedings organized by Philostrate, Master of the Revels, for some reason always played by a tremendously serious-looking bloke with a beard and silver-topped ceremonial staff; a good part for Gerald Kaufman (understudied by Clement Freud).

Clearly the part of Peter Quince, nominal organizer of the mechanicals' play, goes to John Gummer; and Bottom, who wants to play every part and write new prologues and generally take charge, should find a natural in Mr Wedgwood-Benn. This would somehow be particularly apt if it were one of those productions where the same actor plays Theseus-Oberon and the same actress Hippolyta-Titania, in the scenes where Titania is magically into loving the metamorphosed Bottom (understudied, Eric Hoffer).

Also in keeping with modern conceptions of fairies as tough, gruff, no-nonsense figures with nothing of gossamer about them, would be the casting of Dennis Hickey as Oberon, perfectly served by the dapper and nimble puck of Neil Kinnock, rubbing that herb into the wrong people's eyes yet guilelessly convinced that in the end

Jack shall have Jill; Nought shall be ill; The man shall have his mare again; and all shall be well.

Most people who haven't seen the play for some time are probably vaguely aware that it starts with a

man with white hair complaining to Theseus, but can't remember what his name is - ah, yes, Egeus, that's it - complaining that his daughter, Hermia won't marry Demetrius and insists on going off with Lysander. Well, who can remember exactly what it was that Michael Foot was complaining about at last year's TUC (or was it Labour Party) conference? So that's his part settled. Lysander (David Steel) and Demetrius (David Owen) are both ensconced into following Helms (whose one desire is to be the partner of Demetrius anyway, but now she thinks it's a trick) to the dismay of Lysander's real, destined partner Hermia (Shirley Williams). The only trouble (as so often in this game) is the casting of Helena, Mrs Thatcher, again, would do it marvellously, especially in the quarrel bit where Hermia complains of being looked down on:

Now I perceive that she hath made comparisons Between our statues: she hath urged her height; And with her personage, her tall personage. Her height, forsooth, she hath prevailed with him.

But she already has one (or two) parts, likewise Michael Heseltine, who would do it well in drag, Peter Shore in drag, perhaps?

Flute the bellows mender ("You must take Thisby on you"), Roy Jenkins. Snug the joiner ("You may do it extremely, for it is nothing but roaring"), who but Dennis Skinner? And have you noticed that Robin Starveling the tailor, who is told he is to marry Thisby's mother, never actually appears in the performance? Francis Pym and Roy Hattersley on alternate nights.

Oh it's a lovely game. And that's only one group. On the world stage: Philostrate, Giscard d'Estaing; Oberon, Mitterrand; Hippolyta, Mrs Gandhi; Bottom, Mugabe; Puck, Trudeau; Egeus, Chernenko; Snug, Reagan; Helena (this time) Mrs Thatcher; Hermia, Geraldine Ferraro, obviously to Mondale's Demetrius - all for your delight they are here, although of course the best in this kind are but shadows.



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UNITY NOT UNION

The relations between France and Britain are in general good, said President Mitterrand in his interview with *The Times* yesterday. That is certainly true in the sense that the relationship between Mrs Thatcher's Conservative and President Mitterrand's Socialist government is more cordial and understanding than that between the two countries at any other time during the period of the Fifth Republic (perhaps, even, since the war) with the possible and somewhat delusive exception of the short interlude of the Pompidou-Heath accord.

On the essentials of western democracy and on the need to defend it unambiguously, the two countries and the two governments are as one. Moreover, the President and the Prime Minister plainly have a great deal of personal regard for each other, despite their apparently opposing positions in the political spectrum. Mrs Thatcher admires the President's patriotic commitment to the defence of his country and of the West; he admires her disposition to make her objectives clear and stick to them. The relationship between the two has certainly been easier since the economic management of the Mitterrand government has switched from its initial essay in fundamentalist socialism towards a version of liberal economics bearing a close resemblance to Thatcherite ideals of financial discipline.

Having remarked on the generally good relationship between the two countries, however, President Mitterrand went on in his interview to add the rather curious qualification that they do not have "the same conceptions of Europe." Since he also observed that though "France has chosen to strengthen the union," he "did not know exactly what Britain would choose," the inference the President intended to be drawn was clear. He is arguing that Britain has a less union-minded view of the European Community than France, and yesterday in his address to both Houses of Parliament, he returned to the broad theme of union which he has used in several earlier speeches this year.

The member states he said, should now "pragmatically" "improve its decision-making capability, increase the responsibilities of its institutions, to open new fields of co-operation."

Yet the suggestion that Britain is less interested than France in a united European Community which can make its own presence felt internationally is not warranted by the facts.

The British have, it is true, fought hard for what they regard as a fair level of financial contributions to the EEC in the light of this country's relative wealth in the Community. In this respect, it has guarded its own interest in precisely the same way as France has in the past whenever it has seemed threatened by Community imperatives. But much more fundamentally, the British government has also striven hard, and with apparent success, for a system that will take care permanently of future unfairness in the level of every other member state's contributions. It has been part of the British case that the time is not far ahead when this will be to the advantage of France as well as of Britain.

These arguments over the internal arrangements of the Community have sometimes been bitter but they have had to be forced through to a settlement in the long-term interests of the Community. The fact that Britain has been in the vanguard of the argument does not mean that this country is not, compared with France, a "good European". For not until these internal problems of Community economic management were on the way to successful solutions could the way be cleared for making Europe the "political reality" on the international scene that President Mitterrand wants it to be.

The essential question, of course, is what is to be understood by this "political reality." Mrs Thatcher herself on more than one occasion, and without ambiguity, has advocated a more concerted Community and one acting in unison in international

issues. President Mitterrand, however, appears to be going further. Earlier this year he gave his general blessing to the so-called draft Treaty of Union which was passed by the European Parliament and referred to the Council of Ministers. This document would impose a much more supranational character on the Community, including change from the system of unanimous voting in the Council of Ministers (which preserves the national veto on vital questions affecting the interests of a sovereign state) to majority voting. It also proposed that some categories of questions should be designated for the final decision of the Community instead of resting with national governments.

These ideas go well beyond anything feasible for the foreseeable future. The unity of the Community cannot be achieved by trying to enforce it through institutions. What is more, the whole history of France in the Community, not to mention its current attitudes, does nothing to support the kind of "union" now apparently being promoted by French rhetoric. The Community is, as de Gaulle taught it to be, a "union des Patries" and that is both the kind of union that Britain can support and the kind that can take firm root. The present French stress on union with federalist implications contradicts French behaviour; it is really possible to envisage a French president ceding sovereignty on any question to the Community except where it is clear that French and Community interests will remain identical?

This theme of union simply confuses the issue. President Mitterrand's speech yesterday illustrated this. After his grand but imprecise references to institutional change, the one concrete example he chose to make his point was the need for technological cooperation under government auspices. But this needs no institutional change. It is possible now. The danger with slogans about union is that they will impede unity, which is what the European Community should be about.

COSTLY REPAIRS

The management of the National Coal Board made a bad mistake when it tried to put more pressure on the pit deputies to cross picket lines when the deputies were already having to tread a tense and difficult path in the mining communities with which they are so closely bound. Yesterday's last-minute decision by Nacods, the deputies union, to call off their strike was the result of some skillful repair work by the Board. It was aided by some heavy-handed behaviour by the notables of the TUC, who tried to use the deputies' threatened strike as a lever to pursue the NUM's aims. That pressure was counterproductive. The deputies resented it. And the TUC may now reflect that if it cannot pressurise Nacods, it is unlikely to carry much sway with Mr Arthur Scargill.

The NCB's repair work was, however, expensive, as tends to happen when one has to call in the emergency plumber. The deal adds one further concession to those made to the National Union of Mineworkers at Acat in the deputies' behalf. The Board's management of pits not scheduled for closure, will now also be subject to independent outside review, where the unions fear that a pit is being set up for closure, for instance by lack of investment. There will be yet longer consultation on the basis of a five-year rolling programme.

More important, however, is

that the concessions made to the NUM at the previous Acat talks have now been set in concrete by the NCB's understanding with the deputies. Although there is room for some disagreement over the precise meaning of these concessions, they would certainly lead to the five pits subject to closure being relieved, at least until they have been put back through the even longer review procedure, and would lead to the plan to close 4 million tonnes of capacity being withdrawn for review.

These concessions were not even appropriate in March, when the NCB under Mr Ian MacGregor launched its programme to catch up on the previous backlog of closures of hopelessly uneconomic pits. They certainly make no sense now, when these threatened pits will require more money to rehabilitate them and the NCB will be calling on government for extra funds to invest in putting other more or less economic pits back into good order.

In this sense, the Nacods mistake has left the NCB in the position that it has conceded overgenerous final terms, which could only be justified by bringing a swift end to the strike, without gaining any settlement with the NUM on a return to work. What were the final terms, have, in effect become a starting point for today's renewed talks with the NUM leaders.

Services rendered

From Mr J. C. Maxwell
During the last three months the British public have seen the saving of York Minster from fire and the rescue of many victims from the recent Grand Hotel, Brighton, bomb attack and several serious rail crashes.

All these tasks have been accomplished by members of the British fire services who are our everyday heroes with taken-for-granted courage.

The leadership levels displayed by the officers commanding the fire service crews, together with the skill and determination shown by the fire fighters, can be credited to the training of all officers, major and junior, conducted by the staff of the Fire Service College at Breton in Marsh, Gloucestershire.

In recognition of the way the fire service crews respond to man-made and natural disasters it would seem to me, writing as a former fire officer, that some form of national recognition should be afforded to the fire service that spearheads the rescue work.

Might it now be the appropriate time for the Home Secretary to recommend to her Majesty that the

Fire Service College becomes the Royal Fire Service College?
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Built on a rock

From Emeritus Professor G. N. Walton

Sir, Professor E. L. Mascall (page 10, October 13) asks the question "Is the Christian religion derived from a revelation given by God in Christ... or is it something to be constructed by us...?"

The practising scientist learns throughout his life to fit his theories to the results of his experiments, and never, on any account, no matter what the pressures, to twist the results to fit some preconceived theory. Liberal and progressive theologians, judging in particular from recent programmes on the media, tend to do precisely what the scientist is forbidden to do: they tend to twist the meaning of the Christianity that we have been given to meet their own preconceived notions.

Academic theologians may plead that this accusation reverses the situation. For them, Christianity is the theory which must be made to fit

the facts of the modern world. It may be conceded that from the scientific background of the 19th century, when the atoms of the chemical elements were thought to be indestructible and eternal, and when biology presented a simplistic picture, there were some grounds for doubting the truth of Christianity.

Now, when we have been shown only too clearly that matter is a form of energy, like light and sound, which has no permanence except in the equations of mathematics, and when the molecular biologists have glimpsed the extraordinary coding of living things which dwarfs even our own literature, modern science provides no grounds whatsoever for questioning revealed religion.

In any case, Christianity is not a theory; it is a practical way of life, and a valid reason for worship. It has a structure given through the centuries which has served the world, and in particular this country, well, and those who undermine it undermine western civilisation. Fortunately Christianity is founded on a rock that is not easily displaced.

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Due recognition for engineers

From the President of The Fellowship of Engineering

Sir, Arthur Palmer has done much to encourage parliamentary interest in engineering and to emphasize the vital contribution which engineers make to national prosperity; so it was disappointing to read his confused letter published on October 20.

The fact is that the Finnieston report did a splendid job in diagnosing the obstacles which have prevented engineers making an optimum contribution to productive industry, but the proposals in the report were not so good.

They did not gain the support of the great majority of the engineering profession, for the simple reason that they would have involved the regulation of the profession by a government-appointed authority, and it is of course absurd to suggest, as Arthur Palmer does, that the influence and pay of engineers would in some way be enhanced by Parliament giving statutory recognition to engineers.

There are many more effective ways than that of enabling engineers to serve the nation: first, to provide better education and training facilities for engineers, at all levels and in greater numbers, and secondly to promote a clearer understanding of the engineering dimension.

The first is being energetically pursued by the Engineering Council which needs the active support of industry, trade unions, engineering institutions of all kinds, and the academic world, as well as of Government, which must make the investment needed to initiate the changes already proposed by the council. It is a mammoth task because technology is advancing so quickly.

But even more difficult to achieve is the clearer understanding of the engineering dimension, of the impact of technology on every aspect of our lives. Because it requires a widespread change of attitude there is no room for divisive tactics amongst those who accept the need for change.

So I hope that Arthur Palmer will use his considerable influence, not to revive agitation for the red herring of statutory regulation but to impress on Parliament, government and Civil Service the need to support the engineering dimension of the Fellowship of Engineering and the Engineering Council, who in complementary ways are striving to create the change in attitudes which is so vital to our future.

Yours faithfully,
CALDECOTE, President,
The Fellowship of Engineering,
2 Little Smith Street, SW1,
October 23.

Leaders we deserve

From Mr Julian Brazier

Sir, We are repeatedly told that peoples get the leaders they deserve. We in the West have seen the Pope struck down and forgive his would-be assassin, the President of the United States joking as he wheeled him into surgery for his bullet wounds and the Queen bear up proudly in the face of a revolver.

Now we have seen the Prime Minister emerge icy calm from her shattered hotel and heard of one of her ministers joking from under the tons of masonry covering him and his wife.

If we deserve even a portion of this leadership, there must surely be more than a little hope for us all.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN BRAZIER,
47 Moreton Place, SW1,
October 17.

Oh, M Porter!

From Mr C. F. Whittall

Sir, A few weeks ago after many years' absence from France, I decided to make a tour, by rail, of the greater French Gothic cathedrals.

When I got to France, however, and was faced with much entering and leaving stations and climbing into trains, I realised that I had burdened myself with far too heavy a suitcase for a very senior citizen.

I feared that the suitcase was going to ruin my holiday. But I need not have worried.

At every station strong men, and in two cases women, appeared and insisted on carrying the suitcase. On the occasion of the French President's state visit to London I should like to thank those kind people who enabled me to complete my pilgrimage and enjoy their country's greatest works of art.

Yours faithfully,
C. F. WHITTALL,
14 Chalfield Road,
Cuckfield,
West Sussex.

Protection of churches

From Mr Ivor Bulmer-Thomas

Sir, Lord Sandford (October 3) has drawn an idealistic picture of the Church of England's system of protecting churches which bears little correspondence with the facts.

So far as the Church Commissioners are concerned, the reality is shown by the fact that they would have destroyed the magnificent church of St John's, Smith Square, on which he looks out from his London home, if they had not been frustrated by the perversity of Lady Parker of Waddington, ably supported by her husband, the Lord Chief Justice, and a band of helpers. It is shown more recently by the fact that in the case of the only redundant church that has so far

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Checks and balances on police powers

From the Chairman of the Police Committee of the Association of County Councils

Sir, Saturday's leading article (October 20) on the important subject of police accountability, thrown into relief by the miners' strike, analyses the present system of split responsibility and comes with apparent logic to the conclusion that the present system should not continue. But does logic always provide the right answer?

It is certainly true that at present the boundaries between the rights and responsibilities of the chief constable, the Home Secretary and the police authority are blurred and sometimes all may not be as it appears. Given the present tension between a handful of police authorities and their chief constables, tension which may, at least in part, be due to conflict of personalities rather than in policies, it is natural to want to strain to make the crooked ways straight.

But when basic values — such as police mobility and efficiency in the war against crime on the one hand and the liberty of the subject in the face of police power on the other — seem opposed, the best system is one which embraces both and holds them in balance.

Interestingly, you suggest that our libertarian tradition points towards local accountability. Many of us would be disposed heartily to support that notion, but of course the preservation of liberty is harmed if local influence is pushed too far and the police come under local party political control.

I would certainly agree that the present balance — as your editorial implies — is tipped so far towards centralism that the local role can easily become notional. I hope that proper local accountability can be strengthened and better defined.

But liberty is best protected when the other powerful interests check and counter-check each other.

There are occasions when modern society might benefit from less, not more, integration and when greater effectiveness carries more hidden

perils than the diffusion of power and a deliberate choice to avoid one supreme authority.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. CHATFIELD, Chairman,
Police Committee,
Association of County Councils,
Eaton House,
66A Eaton Square, SW1,
October 23.

From the Chairman of the Kent Police Authority

Sir, The Chairman of the South Yorkshire Police Committee was misleading himself and everybody else if he made the remarks attributed to him (report, October 18) that the police training centres produce "Nazi stormtroopers" from the decent chaps sent to them. Remarks of this sort have characterised the extreme left throughout the miners' strike and they are simply not true.

The training centre course forms the first 14 weeks of a recruit's two-year training programme. It has recently been extended from 10 weeks and redrawn following the Scarman report.

The training staff are carefully chosen and carefully trained to meet the needs of the course. Their objectives are to give to the recruits the basic knowledge and skills to assist them to police their own communities. More time than ever before is taken to prepare the recruits for dealing with the whole community in a caring and conciliatory manner, as well as upholding the law on our behalf with firmness and tact.

The tutors, men and women, are amongst the most dedicated in the police service and that they have been so attacked is contemptible. They should know they have the support of the British public and the confidence of their training centre committees.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN A. SPENCE, Chairman,
Kent Police Authority,
County Hall,
Maidstone,
Kent,
October 22.

Tridentine Mass

From the Chairman of the Latin Mass Society

Sir, I feel I can relieve a little of the "perplexity" referred to by your Rome correspondent in reporting the rehabilitation of the Latin Mass (October 17), as I now have before me the official Latin text of the document as published in *L'Observateur Romano* of October 17.

It should firstly be pointed out that the Second Vatican Council did not "reject" the old Latin Mass — on the contrary, Article 4 of the Constitution on the Liturgy states that "Holy Mother Church holds all lawfully acknowledged rites to be of equal authority and dignity... She wishes to preserve and foster them in every way".

Accordingly, the "mental" acrobatics, referred to by Mr Nichols, "of asking for something which the council rejected whilst professing to believe in the council's work" are not required.

Moreover, it is simply not true that "requests for the old Mass must be accompanied by an explicit statement of acceptance of the Vatican Council and the new Mass".

This condition — norm [a] of the new Indult — actually requires that it shall be clearly and publicly understood — "Sine ambiguitate etiam publice constet..." — that the

groups utilising this facility are not associated with those who call into doubt the legitimacy or doctrinal rectitude of the Pauline Missal. This is really not the same as requiring an "explicit statement".

What is now clear is that it is the Holy Father's wish that those wanting the old Mass should be accommodated (*"ipsi Summus Pontifex, cunctis suis observandis desideris..."*). Accordingly, the restrictions associated with the Pauline Indult for England and Wales — its use only on special occasions, insistence on the mutilated 1965/67 version — are not found.

Now, it is the virtually intact 1962 Missal which is to be available, and bishops may permit its use "per modum consuetudinis" — that is, customarily.

What now remains to be seen is with what degree of magnanimity the world's Catholic bishops will exercise this faculty; but in England and Wales, at least, we have cause to be hopeful that our bishops will adhere to the Holy Father's now manifest desire that there should be a place in the Church for those who remain devoted to its traditional liturgy.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
MICHAEL McMAHON, Chairman,
The Latin Mass Society,
3 Cork Street, W1,
October 23.

Local democracy

From Councillor Alan Woods

Sir, Your editorial column of October 17, with its statement that a Labour-run London borough has just appointed as its social services director a councillor who is chairman of social services in a neighbouring Labour controlled borough.

The appointing borough, which you do not name, is of course, Camden.

Patrick Kodikara, our newly-appointed social services director, is indeed Chairman of the Hackney Social Services Committee. He also has 15 years' of management experience in the social services and health fields both in London local government and in the National Health Service.

He was appointed by a panel

of councillors which included a member of Camden's Conservative opposition. The panel made a unanimous decision after two series of interviews to appoint Mr Kodikara from a field of 13 very strong candidates, all of whom had considerable experience and expertise in the social services and management fields.

I am at a loss to understand how this routine appointment of an outstanding candidate qualifies as "an example of degenerating civic culture" or of "councillors playing favourites with the general revenue".

Yours faithfully,
ALAN WOODS, Chairman,
Social Services Committee,
London Borough of Camden,
Members' Room,
Town Hall,
Euston Road, NW1,
October 17.

South African four

From Mr L. G. Baxter and others

Sir, The South African Foreign Minister has stated that the decision of his Government not to return, as it had undertaken, the four South Africans accused of unlawful arms dealing was reached on the basis of "legal advice".

Let it be thought that the South African Government's view of the law is shared by the legal community in South Africa as a whole, we would draw your attention to representation made by various legal

bodies to the Minister urging him to reconsider. We ourselves strongly deplore the South African Government's action, for which we believe there is no legal justification.

Yours,
L. G. BAXTER, J. R. LUND,
A. K. BLOMMAERT, M. L. LUPTON,
A. BODENHORN, A. S. MATTHEWS,
M. G. COWLING, J. R. L. MILTON,
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South Africa,
October 15.

'Good life' but not enough brass

From Mr P. A. Sergeant

Sir, Your column headed "Living is cheapest in Yorkshire" by Robin Young (October 17) must be grossly misleading when Mr Young says that this "suggests that the good life is most easily found in Yorkshire".

On the contrary, the cheapness of living in Yorkshire (and Humberside) seems almost wholly from the fact that people in these areas do not have the money for "the good life". Those supplying the necessities mentioned in the lists of the cost of living have to bring down their prices because there is not the money available for people to purchase the goods mentioned in those lists at the prices ruling in the South-East. If it were true at all that "the good life" is most easily found in Yorkshire, then it is also true to say that it is not found by the people who live there.

Not long ago I calculated from certain data that the average income of a person living in Essex was £1,000 a year more than the average income of a person living in this part of the country. Probably my calculation was based on insufficient data but at least it indicates where "the good life" is to be obtained.

Perhaps the people of Bradford, Barnsley and Rotherham can comfort themselves with the thought that at least they have splendid countryside in the neighbourhood. For Scunthorpe, in addition we have one of the pleasantest industrial towns in the country.

Yours faithfully,
P. A. SERGEANT,
25 Oswald Road,
Scunthorpe,
Lincolnshire,
October 18.

Gallery extension

From Lord Esler

Sir, Mr Conrad Jameson ends his letter (October 13) with the routine condemnation of all modern architecture.

For much of his life my father (b 1881), like most of his generation, had a horror of Victorian architecture and particularly of the ubiquitous works of Sir Gilbert Scott. He used to pull the leg of his friend, Hal Goodhart-Rendel, for affecting (as he thought) to admire monsters like Butterfield, Brooks and Teulon. He became, in old age, the first chairman of the Victorian Society.

Time has the last laugh, particularly on those, like your correspondent, who speak with contempt of whole classes of human beings and whole periods of artistic history.

Yours faithfully,
ESHER,
Agios Nikolaos,
Crete,
October 15.

VAT on books

From Mr Edwin Whitting

Sir, I recently received a copy of the Customs and Excise leaflet, 701/39/84, VAT: Liability: Law. Looking through the lists of zero-rated and exempt items many possibilities for the extension of VAT come to mind.

My selection of items that could be taxed is: newspaper advertising, advertising services, ship and aircraft repairs, transport by coach (i.e., abolish the exemption for vehicles carrying more than 12 passengers), services to shipping and aircraft, travel agency services, package holidays, protective clothing, motor cyclist helmets, insurance commission, insurance claims handling, hire purchase finance commission, financial services, bank charges, and fees for private education and tuition.

All the above would seem to be preferable to books on grounds of a more inelastic demand, less adverse effect on employment, smaller tendency for the tax to be offset or reclaimed and less long-term damage to the informed society.

Yours faithfully,
EDWIN WHITTING,
Manchester Business School,
University of Manchester,
Booth Street West,
Manchester,
October 18.

Sauce of learning

From Mr H. J. G. Richards

Sir, Dr John Hunter (October 20) is not alone. There must be many who miss the opportunity to polish up their Franglais by constant study of the description of the virtues of HP sauce.

Perhaps it was omitted from the label after a prolonged but unsuccessful attempt to capture the French market for bottled sauces. This would not be surprising; HP sauce, like most others produced in this country, is admirably suited for Anglo-Saxon cooking, as it disguises rather than enhances the taste of our food.

It is said that a Frenchman, on recovering from his first application of the sauce, studied the bottle intently and opined that it could be more briefly and just as accurately labelled in his language as *sauce incendiaire*.

Yours faithfully,
H. J. G. RICHARDS,
16 Manor Wood Road,
Purley,
Surrey,
October 20.

From Lieutenant-Commander J. H. McGivering, RNR (ret)

Sir, Pace Dr John Hunter, give me the multi-lingual Angostura label at my meal!

Yours obedient servant,
J. H. MCGIVERING,
17 Adlestone Park,
Adlestone,
Weybridge,
Surrey,
October 20.

THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Controls, more controls or free exchange?

Free convertibility of sterling is now such a vital, taken-for-granted condition for international banking and investment, and such an indispensable part of the growth of the City of London as a world financial services centre, that it is easy to forget exchange controls were abolished only five years ago yesterday.

Although there was a short run-up, and free convertibility was clearly a part of the new Tory market philosophy, Sir Geoffrey Howe's decision back in 1979 came as something of a surprise. Before taking office he had envisaged a slow, cautious process of dismantling controls. The 1979 oil price hike changed all that. Sterling was the flavour of the year. Sir Geoffrey opted for wholesale demolition. And it had no discernible effect for more than a year.

Whether the City investors who had been so anxious to free overseas investment controls decided to back the pound along with everyone else, or whether it took them a year to adjust to freedom is hard to say. But overseas investment took off with a vengeance in 1980, accelerating from £400m in the first half to more than £1 billion in the second.

Overseas investment then continued right up until this year, when institutional net buying of foreign shares slowed to £300m in the first quarter, then swung into disinvestment of £700m in the second quarter — the first three month period in which institutions had been net sellers of foreign shares since 1976. To some extent, this marked the long-awaited completion of the restructuring of portfolios. The big investors had brought their proportions of North American and Far Eastern shares up to the long-term desired level. And the institutions were holding back some

money for British Telecom and British Airways, utility shares not previously available here.

The main lesson of the five intervening years has been that economic ideas conceived in the age of exchange controls now look decidedly old-fashioned.

The first casualty was the idea that investment financed by public borrowing automatically crowded out private investment. With free currency convertibility, capital flows abroad had to be included in the calculations. As the Bank of England conceded in 1981, "the effectiveness of exchange controls in the past is likely to mean that in the absence of controls, domestic interest rates are now somewhat higher."

The disappearance of the old Bretton Woods exchange control system, under which domestic saving essentially financed domestic investment, meant that other countries' public borrowing could just as easily absorb our savings as our own. There is little doubt that, via high interest rates, the US deficit has "crowded out British" investment.

The abolition of exchange controls has likewise made nonsense of Labour's exchange-rate policy. Abolishing exchange controls has almost certainly left the pound lower than it would otherwise be. Yet Mr Roy Hattersley still plans to impose exchange controls to keep funds in this country (and even to compel their return); while at the same time he is aiming to devalue the pound. To Mr Hattersley, devaluation via the market is wrong, whereas devaluation by Government fiat is right. He seems to want controls to keep the pound up, plus more controls to get it down.

Tokyo eases the City's way

Encouraging signals were coming out of Tokyo yesterday on the vexed issue of access to the Japanese securities market for British brokers and merchant banks. Talks this week between British and Japanese financial officials may have succeeded in breaking the logjam, which has long delayed applications by a number of British companies seeking securities licences in Tokyo, thus defusing the threat of retaliation against Japanese securities houses in London.

This week's talks were conceived some months ago, and were originally intended as a fairly general mutual education session on developments in each other's markets. But increasingly the difficulties and bureaucratic delays encountered by British companies in Tokyo have come to the fore. Attempts to graduate from representative offices, which are allowed to do very little, to branch office status which brings with it important concessions on commission rates, appear to have been blocked, and the suspicion grew that the Japanese wanted to relate the issue to the ambitions of their securities houses in London.

The British position has been that there was already a large imbalance between what Japanese securities houses could do in London and what their British counterparts could do in Tokyo. The team, headed by Mr Geoffrey Little, second permanent secretary at the Treasury, and including officials from the Bank of England and the Department of Trade, went to Tokyo to try to correct this imbalance.

Mr Little conceded yesterday that their minor diplomatic triumph will have to be put to the test of time. But on the question of licences, he was optimistic. "We will be very disappointed if there isn't action by the end of the year. I think we have made good progress, but the proof of the pudding is in the eating," he said.

Rather more enigmatically, a senior Japanese official said that while the timing of any approvals is undecided, the efforts to secure licences by Exco International, a Tokyo-based subsidiary of Exco International, and merchant banks Kleinwort, Benson and S. G. Warburg, will go on "without delay".

The British team appears to have made clear, implicitly if not explicitly, that the treatment of British institutions in Japan would determine how well Japanese brokers are treated in London as new markets open up. They also seem to have successfully deflected attempts to tie the issue of licences for British brokers to efforts by Japanese brokers, led by Nomura Securities, to gain banking licences in London.

Japan's finance ministry found little to cheer about in the Bank of England's tough stance on Nomura's chances of obtaining a banking licence. The Bank said that it is prepared to consider applications from non-bank foreign financial institutions provided they are supervised under normal banking criteria by the bank authorities at home. Strictly speaking, Japanese law prevents that.

This round of talks, however, sets the stage for negotiations later in the year over such delicate points. The Japanese are hopeful that a solution will be found to the Nomura problem somewhat along the lines of agreements which have allowed American securities companies to hold London banking licences.

Apart from brokers' licences in Tokyo, the British side was highly concerned over how British banks will be treated under new guidelines being drawn up, under pressure from the United States, on foreign bank participation in trust banking and investment management activities in Japan.

Imports rise to a record as trade deficit falls by £764m

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Britain's overseas trade was in deficit by £764m last month, as imports rose to a new record level. Last month's visible trade deficit was larger than the £716m recorded for the whole of last year.

The invisibles account, shipping, insurance, banking and interest, was estimated to have been in surplus by £250m last month, producing a deficit on current account of £514m.

Sterling was largely unaffected by the poor trade figures, with the attention of the foreign exchanges focused on developments in the miner's strike and continuing dollar weakness.

The pound gained 1.5 cents against the dollar to close at £1.2225, and two pence against the Deutsche mark at DM3.6950. The sterling index rose 0.3 to 74.9.

Sterling was helped by the

Balance of Payments

	Visible	Current
	balance	account
	(£m)	(£m)
1982	+2,384	+6,206
1983	-716	+2,916
1984 Q1	-59	+472
Q2	-1,193	-263
July	-137	+113
August	-565	-318
September	-754	-514

Source: Department of Trade & Industry

deputies' decision to call off their strike, and by hopes that new talks between the National Coal Board and the National Union of Mineworkers could produce a solution to the 33-week old strike.

The dollar lost ground on expectations that US interest rates could be reduced further. The Federal fund rate dropped to 6 per cent, although this was largely for technical reasons.

US consumer prices, up 0.4 per cent last month after 0.5 per cent rise in August, had little impact. The dollar lost 2.2 pence against the Deutsche mark at DM3.6950, the dollar index fell 0.8 to 140.3.

Imports rose by £103m last month to a new record level of £6,621m. This was in spite of a £166m fall in oil imports. There may have been some bringing forward of imports in expectation of new value-added tax regulations, due next Thursday, which will require the payment of VAT entry, although the effect is unquantifiable.

Exports fell to £5,857m last month, although this still represented the third highest monthly total on record. The drop of £94m from August's record level is accounted for by a return to more normal trade levels, after the August figures were artificially boosted by the recovery from the dock strike.

The surplus on oil, which has been affected by increased imports of fuel oil for use in power stations, rose last month, from £417m to £517m. The September 1984 oil surplus is £105m up on that recorded in September 1983.

City estimates suggest that the miners' strike has produced a £210m-£220m worsening in the oil surplus, and added £30m-£40m a month to coal imports.

Even so, the £250m a month balance of payments cost of the coal strike does not appear to have been a factor in Britain's poorer trade position last month.

Britain's current account has declined from a surplus of £5.2 billion in 1982, through a £2.9 billion surplus last year, to a deficit of £530m in the first nine months of 1984. The Treasury's Budget-time forecast was for a £2 billion surplus this year.

JMB faces legal action says client

By Peter Wilson-Smith
Banking Correspondent

Legal action has been taken against Johnson Matthey Bankers in connection with charter payments due to shipowners, but allegedly withheld by JMB.

Mr Mahmoud Sipra, a client of JMB and whose interests include shipping, said yesterday that the legal action was connected with payments due on vessels chartered by his company Bulk Ferries to carry grain from the US to Iraq.

Mr Sipra said that certain owners of vessels who have been on time charter to his company had taken out an injunction against JMB.

The Bank of England, which took over JMB to save it from collapse, refused to comment on the question of withheld payments yesterday.

JMB held charges over a number of Mr Sipra's ships as security for facilities. Mr Sipra said yesterday that his involvement with JMB was "on a fairly broad scale" but was secured in most cases.

"We have no defaults. No loans have been cancelled," he added. Negotiations between the clearing banks and the Bank of England over their £50m share in the £100m package of indemnities being arranged were still dragging on yesterday.

Other groups being asked to contribute have heard nothing from the Bank of England for two weeks now. Members of the gold ring, who agreed early on to a £30m contribution, wrote last week to the Bank requesting details about the terms of the indemnities.

There is speculation that a revised capital-raising package for JMB's former parent, Johnson Matthey, may emerge shortly. It is expected to meet some of the objections of institutional shareholders.

Commodities broker bought by Gerrard

Gerrard & National, the City's big discount house, is to take a 50 per cent stake in Inter Commodities, the commodities and financial futures broker, to expand its services before restructuring of London markets.

In a separate move, the Merchant Navy Pension Fund revealed the sale of its 6.75 per cent stake in Union Discount, a close rival of Gerrard among the discount houses, as part of a bid by the fund to scale down its exposure to financial companies.

Inter Commodities, was set up in 1972 by the joint managing directors, Mr Mark Davies and Mr Christopher Harries. It has been closely linked to the City's last two years via GNT, the joint venture set up to trade as brokers on the London futures market.

Mr Bishop was sharply criticised by the Takeover Panel and in a Department of Trade report in 1978 for his share dealings during a takeover of Grendon Trust, where he was a director.

The report describes Mr Bishop as "irresponsible" and "devious" when he was a witness during the investigation. Mr Bishop, age 49, a former director of Scottish Investments and Erskine House Investment Trust, said last night: "I accepted the appointment because I am interested in the growth area of financial services. I don't think my past record will deter people from dealing with Grovebell."

Mr Advani said yesterday: "Mr Bishop has told me that he has been rapped over the knuckles a number of times, but always proved that everything he

Edwardes in dispute over Dunlop post

By Ian Griffiths

The shake-up of the senior management team at Dunlop Holdings took on another aspect late last night, with a dispute over how Sir Michael Edwardes became a candidate for the job of running the ailing tyre and engineering group.

Earlier, Sir Maurice Hodgson, the Dunlop chairman, said that Sir Michael had approached the company's headhunters to offer his services after the board and the banks involved in putting together the capital reconstruction programme, had agreed on their own candidate for the job of chief executive.

However, last night sources close to Sir Michael said that this was not the case, and that he had been approached by Sir John Trevelyan of the headhunters, Goddard Kay Rogers, which was acting on behalf of Dunlop.

The approach was made when Standard Telephone and Cables was taking over ICL, where Sir Michael was then chairman. The banks were informed of Sir Michael's interest even though he was yet unnamed candidate for the chief executive job had been agreed.

Some of the banks are keen to see Sir Michael take the job and the wranglings over the shape of the management team have proved to be an obstacle to agreement on the capital reconstruction package.

Dunlop has been looking for a new chief executive to replace Mr Alan Lord since June, when the banks said they wanted a new man. Sir Michael would like Mr Lord to carry on as non-executive deputy chairman to ensure a smooth transition.

He sees his own role much as a caretaker chairman to see the company through its reconstruction and reorganization and has completed one year of what he believes is a two year job.

Sir Maurice said: "I still have the objective that there should be an orderly transfer from the present managing director to the new one in a way which allows the present managing director to continue with his extremely important responsibilities for the transfer of the European tyre business, the future investments and the deeply involved and essential hand over to his successor."

He added: "If the banks said they would prefer Sir Michael, I would wish we could still do an orderly transition. Whoever is the chief executive, I believe there has to be continuity of key people in the executive group, especially Alan Lord to preside over that transition."

Commenting on Sir Michael, the Dunlop chairman said: "We have differing assessments of the nature of the problem. I am not saying he is necessarily wrong. There is no personal animosity."

Most school leavers take factory jobs

By Our Economics Correspondent

Manufacturing industry is still the main source of employment for school leavers, while about one in seven of 16-year olds does not enter employment or Youth Training Scheme on leaving school.

These results, contained in a survey in the latest *Employment Gazette*, are based on a sample of people who reached the age of 16 during 1982-83.

According to the survey 44 per cent remained in full-time education. Of those who left school, 43 per cent joined the YTS, 38 per cent gained jobs independently of the YTS and 14 per cent were still unemployed last December.

The 14 per cent figure may underestimate the true position as the survey response was incomplete.

Most job opportunities for school leavers continue to be in the "productive" industries. Manufacturers provided jobs for 33.2 per cent of those who obtained "real" jobs on leaving school, other productive jobs provided work for a further 15.4 per cent.

Services accounted for 26.8 per cent of jobs, and transport and distribution 24.5 per cent. The survey also examined training available to 16-year olds entering employment.

About 40.4 per cent of boys and 44.3 per cent of girls obtained no training at all. 26.4 per cent of boys and 40.8 per cent of girls were offered up to six months training, while 33.1 per cent of boys and 14.8 per cent of girls entered training programmes lasting for more than six months.

Lloyd's to pay fee

Insurance companies are to be charged £3,000 a year for the privilege of being supervised by the Department of Trade and Industry, according to Mr Alex Fletcher, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs. In a written reply to a Parliamentary question yesterday.

The Insurance Companies Act requires the 648 registered companies to file annual returns. Legislation will be introduced to make them pay for doing so. The £3,000 fee would just cover this year's estimated £2.5m public cost of the supervision. Lloyd's will be charged as one body, as it submits one return.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1125.4 down 2.9
High: 1130.6 low: 1123.1
FT Index: 885.2 down 1.0
FT 100: 80.52 up 0.02
FT All Share: 532.2 up 0.01
Bargains: 16,278
Overseas US Leaders Index: 101.72 up 0.18
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average (latest) 1121.79 down 1.21
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index: 11,176.63 up 48.68
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index: 1,054.31 up 9.15
Amsterdam: 180.9 down 0.9
Sydney: All Ordinaries 747.7 up 5.9
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index: 1982.2 down 8.4
Brussels: General Index 164.33 up 1.13
Paris: CAC Index 181.1 up 2.1

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling 74.9 up 0.3 (range 74.9-74.9)
\$1.2225 up 0.0001
DM 3.6950 up 0.02
FF 11.3350 up 0.06
Yen 398.50 up 3.0
Dollar 140.8 down 0.8
DM 3.6920 down 0.0220
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling \$1.2225
Dollar DM 3.6925
ECU 20.80545
SDR 20.82433

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rate 10%
Finance houses base rate 11%
Discount market loans week fixed 10% - 10%
3 month interbank 10% - 10%
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10% - 9%
3 month DM 5% - 5%
3 month FF 11% - 10%
US rates:
Bank prime rate 12.75 - 12.25
Fed funds 8%
Treasury long bond 107 - 107%
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period September 5 to October 2, 1984, inclusive: 10.904 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am \$340.25 pm \$340
close \$340 - \$340.50 (\$278.50 - 278.50)
New York (latest): \$339.95
Kruggerand (per coin): \$350 - \$351.50 (\$288.50 - 287.50)
Sovereigns (new): \$340 - \$1 (288.50 - 68.25)
Excludes VAT

NEWS IN BRIEF

Reeves to head bank

Mr Christopher Reeves, deputy chairman and chief executive of Morgan Grenfell & Co., is to succeed the late Mr William Mackworth-Young as chairman.

Mr Reeves, 48, is at present involved in the plans for the firm to merge with Pender and Boyle, the stockbroker. Morgan Grenfell & Co is the merchant banking subsidiary of Morgan Grenfell Holdings, where Mr Reeves is a director.

● RIO TINTO-ZINC's Australian subsidiary, CRA, is joining two German companies — Krupp Stahl and Klockner-Werke in a merger of their steelmaking operations.

● COMPUTER AND SYSTEMS Engineering is raising £24m through a one-for-five rights issue at 240p a share. Interim profits rose by 70 per cent to £4.2m for the six months trading to September 30 and the interim dividend goes up from 0.34p to 0.45p.

Tempus, page 23
● PRETAX PROFITS at C. H. Beazer rose by 83 per cent to £11.3m on sales ahead by 86 per cent to £133m for the year to June 30. The dividend rises by 17 per cent to 10.5p.

Tempus, page 23
● INTERIM PROFITS at F. I. C. Liley fell from £6.5m to £4.4m for the six months to July 31 on sales ahead by £111m to £136m. The interim dividend is unchanged at 1.2p.

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US gas boost for Britoil

Britoil is likely to have to pay Amax, the US mining group, a further \$10m (£8m) for the 50 per cent interest it acquired in Amax's US oil and gas properties a year ago, Jeremy Warner writes from Paris.

Mr Pierre Gousseland said yesterday that the joint venture's natural gas find in the Gulf of Mexico is so good that it

will almost certainly trigger this extra on top of the \$83m Britoil has already paid. The Britoil-Amax company has a 20 per cent stake in the offshore block, Timbalier 200. Mr Gousseland said: "We are certain that we have a major gas find on this structure, though I am not at liberty yet to talk about its exact size."

Stockbroker told not to act for both sides in bid battle

By Philip Robinson

A High Court injunction was issued yesterday preventing Statham Duff Stoop, the stockbroker, from acting for both sides during a takeover battle.

Atlantic Investment Trust sought the injunction after Mr Vasant Advani's Grovebell Group launched a surprise £5.6m bid for Atlantic.

Statham is stockbroker to both. Atlantic's advisers said last night that the injunction was concerned exclusively with what they perceived as a potential conflict of interest.

A spokesman for Statham denied that it was stockbroking for Atlantic, whose managing director, Mr Tony Cole, said: "They have been our brokers since 1983 and it's news to us if they're not now."

Grovebell's formal bid announcement also detailed changes in its own board structure. Mr Advani has invited Mr William "John" Bishop on to the board and sold him and an associate a maxi-

mum 22 per cent of the existing shares.

Mr Bishop was sharply criticised by the Takeover Panel and in a Department of Trade report in 1978 for his share dealings during a takeover of Grendon Trust, where he was a director.

The report describes Mr Bishop as "irresponsible" and "devious" when he was a witness during the investigation.

Mr Bishop, age 49, a former director of Scottish Investments and Erskine House Investment Trust, said last night: "I accepted the appointment because I am interested in the growth area of financial services. I don't think my past record will deter people from dealing with Grovebell."

Mr Advani said yesterday: "Mr Bishop has told me that he has been rapped over the knuckles a number of times, but always proved that everything he

did was above board. I'm not condoning his actions, but my overriding consideration must be to secure what is best."

Mr Bishop and his associate of 15 years, Mr Michael Baker-Harber, a marine lawyer, have purchased 4 million Grovebell shares at 15p each from Mr Advani, with the option on a further 4 million.

If the share element of the Atlantic offer is taken up in full and the share option is exercised, Mr Advani and Mr Bishop with Mr Baker-Harber will have 12 per cent each.

Grovebell is offering 17 of its own shares for every two Atlantic shares. With Grovebell's price at 17p, it values Atlantic shares at 144p. Its market price closed at £29p. Grovebell is offering a 127½p cash alternative.

The sharp rise in the Atlantic share price over the past week, moving from 115p to 123p, prompted the exchange to insist on a statement.

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Kwik-Fit's interim profit down

By Christopher Dunn

The British spare car parts industry faltered in the early part of this year, according to Mr Tom Farmer, chairman of the Edinburgh-based car accessories concern, Kwik-Fit Holdings, who yesterday announced the group's interim trading results.

Pretax profits fell from £2.4m to £1.8m for the six months to August 31, 1984, on sales of £30.4m (£28.2m). The interim dividend is unchanged at 0.7843p.

Spare parts sales fell during the period, and the replacement car exhaust market was particularly badly affected. Exhaust manufacturers' overcapacity resulted in stock dumping at very low prices, which led in turn, according to Mr Farmer, to intense price competition at the retail level. Total demand for replacement exhausts in Britain may have fallen by as much as 20 per cent.

But Kwik-Fit increased its share of the replacement exhaust market during the period under review.

French Connection with US quadruples profits

By Alison Eadie

French Connection, the fashion company run by Mr Stephen Marks, the designer, produced interim pretax profits of £3.8m compared with £319,000 on turnover of £17.2m against £7.3m. The shares hit a new peak at 410p but eased back to close at 385p, 5p down on the day. The shares came to the USM only a year ago at 123p.

The impressive growth was fuelled largely by the acquisition of a 50 per cent stake in French Connection's sole United States distributor, Best of All Clothing, which contributed £2.47m to profits and £3.6m to turnover.

The original British and French businesses continued to do well with profits up 67 per cent at £1.37m on turnover up 14 per cent in the United Kingdom and 28 per cent in France.

Growth prospects for the company look best in the United States, where French Connection sells through 1,700 retail accounts. In the United Kingdom, where sales are



Stephen Marks: new collections well received

through 800 retail accounts, the scope is more limited, but a new area of expansion in the spring will be a diversification into children's clothes. Children's wear will be sold through department stores like Harrods and through some smaller stores.

Pretax profits in the year to end January 1985 are now

expected to reach a heady £11.5m against £3.27m in 1983-84. Expanding turnover in the United States will be augmented by the strong dollar.

However, the tax charge is expected to remain at its higher level of 48 per cent, due to higher United States and French tax, and earnings per share are only expected to double because of the 50 per cent outside holding in Best of All Clothing.

The autumn and winter collections are showing significant success in sales, the company says, and the spring and summer 1985 collections have been well received. There is a strong seasonal bias in turnover towards the second half.

To complement the company's plan for the growth in the British retail business, it has acquired a freehold factory and plant in South Shields, Tyne and Wear, from the receivers of S. Newman. It is intended to develop the factory, which supplies multiples like Mothercare, into an efficient production unit.

New Corah bid wins Reliance

By Alison Eadie

An increased offer from Leicester-based Corah for Reliance Industrial Holdings - which values the company at £2.78m against £2.57m previously - has won the recommendation of the Reliance board.

Both companies are important suppliers of knitwear and clothing to Marks and Spencer.

Mr Ray Newman, chairman of Reliance, said the logic of Corah's proposal was irresistible and given Reliance's trading performance, it was in shareholders' best interests to accept. Reliance's pretax profits slumped in 1983-4 to £89,000, against £524,000 and first-half results this year will be poor.

Corah is short of making up capacity for its expanding order book, which Reliance can supply. Reliance cloth can also be used in Corah's modern dyehouse.

Corah's revised bid is three new Corah shares for every five Reliance shares. The cash alternative is equivalent to 32.4p, against 30p before.

Pensions must break free from their golden shackles

In reply to last week's criticism, Tony Daggart puts the case in favour of portable schemes

● Offer a portable alternative to high fliers, mobile workers, women seeking career breaks for family reasons and blue collar workers facing a declining earnings towards their retirement.

● Avoid the "blank cheque" risks to their profit and loss account of the final salary approach.

● Involve their workforce more closely in what amounts to their most valuable asset apart from their house.

The employer will be free merely to channel national insurance rebates to the portable schemes of employees who opt out of the main stream final salary scheme. But my own research, based on discussions with a wide range of employers and brokers - strongly suggests that many employers will take a more positive approach, I believe many will:

● Endorse a specific group money purchase scheme and offer a realistic contribution level to it as an alternative - or even replacement - to their mainstream final salary scheme.

● Pitch the contribution level below the aggregate funding cost of a final salary scheme but high enough to attract many employees.

● Promote such a scheme to employees - partly from the self-interest of simplifying administration with a single scheme, partly as a means of maintaining competitive remuneration.

Given these benefits, some employers will jump on the Fowler gun by closing their existing final salary schemes to new entrants - or introducing a realistic portable alternative - before the legislation is enacted, probably on January 1, 1985.

Looked at from the employee's point of view the personal pension offers corresponding benefits: an identifiable asset, portability on changing jobs, freedom on retirement to select the best available annuity. Investment freedom also matters, but more as a competitive discipline for institutions offering personal pensions. (In practice, US experience demonstrates that almost all will opt for low-risk alternatives - inflation-beating deposit accounts (while stocks last) or well-spread managed funds.)

Only a few will gamble on individual shares, let alone commodities. And, as a practical matter, many people will follow their employer's lead and select a recommended group scheme.

This is far removed from the Wild West picture painted by the pensions establishment of commodity-touting cowboy salesmen descending on unsuspecting consumers. Every member of a final salary scheme will have to weigh the benefits of the portable approach against the "certainty" of his employer's final salary scheme. In particular he must decide whether he possesses a crystal ball which tells him:

● How often he will change jobs - 8 out of 10 people change jobs at least once.

● What he will earn when he retires - and will his earnings conveniently peak on retirement or, as so often now happens, a decade or more earlier?

● Whether inflation will conveniently remain below the 5 per cent ceiling due to be placed on revalued pensions when he moves job (despite harsh and recent evidence to the contrary).

● Whether his employer's scheme will remain solvent. If he is an actuary, the answers may be clear. But some of us are less fortunate - and will prefer to control our own pensions destiny by opting for a personal pension.

The author is sales and marketing director of Fidelity.

WALL STREET

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Wall Street stocks turned lower in slower trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 1.44 points at 1211.57 in early trading.

Declining issues lead advances by about 575 issues to 540.

International Business Machines at 126 7/8 was up 1/2; General Motors at 1-8 was up 1/4; General Electric at 57 1/4 was unchanged; Texas Instruments

at 132 5/8 was down 1/8; Eastman Kodak at 72 5/8 was unchanged; American Express at 37 1/4 was up 1/4 and Digital Equipment at 102 3/4 was up 1/8.

Textron was up 1/4 to 42 1/2. Chicago Pacific offered to buy all Textron's common stock at \$43.50 a share, but Textron said the offer was "completely unacceptable".

Penn Central was down 3/8 at 45 3/8; Morton Thiokol was up 1/2 to 88.

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Marks and Spencer p.l.c.

The unaudited results of the Group for the first half of the financial year ending 31st March 1985 are announced as follows: -

	26 weeks ended 29th Sept. 1984	52 weeks ended 1st Oct. 1983	52 weeks ended 31st March 1984
GROUP SALES (excluding Sales Taxes)			
United Kingdom Stores			
Clothing	644.6	599.2	1,325.4
Homeware, Footwear and Accessories	118.5	100.3	249.3
Foods	550.2	474.4	1,022.0
	1,313.3	1,173.9	2,596.7
Overseas stores			
Europe	37.3	31.1	74.4
Canada	77.6	64.4	150.2
Export sales outside the Group	18.1	15.7	33.2
	1,446.3	1,285.1	2,854.5
GROUP PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION (Note 2)	113.4	105.6	279.3
TAXATION (Note 3)	46.7	42.2	111.1
GROUP PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	66.7	63.4	168.2
Profit/(Loss) attributable to minority interests	(.3)	(.2)	1.8
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO MARKS AND SPENCER p.l.c.	67.0	63.6	166.4
Earnings per share	2.5p	2.4p*	6.3p*

*Adjusted for the one-for-one scrip issue in July 1984

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 1.06p per share, compared with 1.025p, an increase of 5.4% on last year. This dividend will be paid on 18th January, 1985 to shareholders whose names are on the Register of Members at the close of business on 16th November, 1984.

Notes on 26 weeks' figures: -

1. The figures have been prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting. A summary of these results has not been prepared on the current cost basis of accounting, because the Directors consider that the net adjustment is insignificant in the context of the Group figures.

2. The Group profit before taxation arises as follows:

The United Kingdom	111.1	104.7	265.3
Europe	3.0	1.4	6.7
Canada	(7.7) loss	(5.5) loss	7.3
	113.4	105.6	279.3

3. The taxation figure for the first half of last year has been adjusted to reflect the actual rate of taxation on the year's profit.

4. The summary of results for the year ended 31st March 1984 does not constitute the full Financial Statements. The Reports and full Financial Statements for that year were delivered to the Registrar of Companies and the report of the auditors on them was unqualified.

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN, THE LORD RAYNER:

During the six months under review our U.K. clothing sales were disappointing in a number of departments and therefore the cost of stock reductions was high. Our stocks are now well balanced and with the arrival of autumn weather our clothing sales have improved. We have made volume increases in all areas as the rate of inflation has been low - the volume of clothing increased by 6%; Homeware, Footwear and Accessories by 15%; and Foods by 12%.

In order to deal with the increased volume and to maintain our standards of service to customers, staffing costs have increased but productivity has remained high. If the recent sales of clothing are maintained and our extended ranges of gift lines maintain their progress, we can expect an improved performance.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

STC tumbles as Scrimgeour trims profit forecast by £5m

By Derek Pain

Shares of Standard Telephones and Cables, the telecommunications group, slumped to within 10p of their year's low yesterday as Scrimgeour Kemp-Gee, the broker reduced its profit forecasts.

There was heavy selling of the shares, pushing the price down 14p to 266p, as Scrimgeour pulled back its profit projection for this year to £117m and next year to £180m.

In each case the revision represents a £5m cut. The downgrading, although modest, is a further example of the stock market's growing unease over STC's shares. The £411m takeover of ICL, Britain's leading computer group,

Phillips & Drew, the broker, remains optimistic about Exco International, the financial group, after a City lunch this week. Mr John Arkin, a P & D analyst, believes this year's profits will be more than £70m (£23.4m) and next year's results will top £90m. Exco shares rose 5p to 488p.

was achieved by a share exchange and left many weak holders of STC stock. There is also the nagging worry that ITT, the big American conglomerate, will soon have to sell about 3 per cent of STC to comply with the Government's requirement that its holding in the merged STC/ICL company should be held at 24 per cent.

Evidence is also accumulating that City analysts are becoming increasingly less impressed by STC's prospects. Sentiment was not helped this month when it became known that STC was not in the running for the British Telecom contract for digital local exchanges.

At one stage this year STC shares were riding at a 372p peak.

Equities had started the day

in line with, seemingly determined to build on Tuesday's 11.7 points advance. But there was little buying follow through. So the FT 30 share index, at one time a seemingly decisive 7.8 points higher at 875.0 points, closed 1 point down at 866.2 points.

It was much the same story with the FT-SE index, which ended 2.4 points down at 1,125.4 points.

Various factors caused the market's enthusiasm to wane. Although Nacods, the pit deputies' union, eventually called off tomorrow's strike, Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, had already dampened enthusiasm with his uncompromising comments ahead of the meeting with the National Coal Board.

The poor September trade figures were another inhibiting influence. Government stocks enjoyed a firm start, helped by a much stronger performance by sterling against the dollar and lower US interest rates. But gains at one time rearing up to 2½ p were eliminated in late trading and the market closed with losses of up to ½ p.

Imperial Chemical Industries, ahead of today's eagerly awaited third quarter figures, closed 2p to 670p. Trusthouse

The market has become too fearful about the impact the miners' strike is having on Cattle's (Holdings), the Hull-based check trader and retailer. Worries that the long-running dispute will sharply reduce profits have lowered the shares 10p to 21p. But group turnover is apparently up on last year and this year's profits could come out similar to last year's £1.9m.

Forté was a little unsettled by a line of stock on offer and closed 1p lower at 125p.

After their recent remarkable progress, Forté's shares succumbed to profit taking. Rantree Wackins fell 6p to 368p as Mr Basil Collins, chairman of Nabisco's British arm, denied bid intentions.

per cent of the brewery's shares. It is intended that the off-licences will sell Belhaven beers. The shops are being acquired from Grand Metropolitan for about £7m.

Reckitt and Colman's shares gained 1p to 532p today as the market waited for Consolidated Foods of Chicago, the rival

Harris Queensway, at one time 8p higher at 190p, closed at 184p. Mr Philip Harris, chairman, and his associated interests were rumoured to have sold 2 million shares. Mr Harris said shares, many held by charities with which he is associated, had been sold, but he could not confirm the 2 million figure.

Turner & Newall gained 2p to 94p. Mr John Goldschmidt of Laurie, Milbank, the broker, forecast that the price should reach 130p in the next year.

He expects profits of £21.5m this year, £32m next year and £40m in 1986.

Ocean Transport and Trading, the shipping group, enjoyed an excited session, jumping 12p to 122p. Rumours abounded that an American shipping line was buying shares. It was suggested that it was stake building ahead of a full bid.

Beers were a little stronger with Bass, the biggest brewing group, again achieving a new high at 408p. It later slipped to 403p.

Belhaven Brewery gained 2p to 34p as a report in *The Times* that the Virani Group was buying a chain of London off-licences was confirmed. Mr Nazim Virani, who runs the group is chairman of Belhaven and his company has almost 30

shares have remained at a substantially higher level than Nottingham's 410p-a-share offer.

The company will be detailing its reasons for rejecting the bid in the next couple of weeks. They will include the lack of commercial logic, as Johnson sees it, in a manufacturing company taking over a service company in the retail market. Nottingham Manufacturing shares fell 2p to 200p.

Property shares were quiet. Arlington Securities has declared its intention of seeking a full listing. Last year it received a £2.9m cash injection through a private placing organized by Morgan Grenfell, the merchant banker, and de Zoete and Bevan, the broker. There are now 30 institutional shareholders.

Expect *Epicure Holdings*, the construction group created by Mr Reginald Bracey, to pump its *Investment interests*, which include a Florida hotel, into a US quoted company. But *Epicure* profits, due tomorrow, are likely to be below last year's near £1.1m. *Epicure* shares were unchanged at 32p.

RECENT ISSUES

● VAUX BREWERIES has agreed to acquire 92 per cent of the ord shares and 74 per cent of the preference shares of John W. Pratt. Vaux has also agreed in principle to acquire the remaining shares on the same terms. Vaux will issue a maximum of 102,600 ord shares as initial consideration for the ord shares and pay a maximum of £8,600 for the preference.

● LORENZ MINING CORPORATION: Nine months to Sept 30. Figures in £'000. Net revenue 146,725 (115,564). Operating loss 6,130 (7,647). Income and mineral resources taxes, credit, 3,260 (charge, 3,500). Net loss 2,870 (4,147) profit. Loss per share 35 cents (50 cents) profit. The board explains that the deterioration in earnings last time to this year's net loss was a result of lower prices for copper and silver. A loss of 932,000 in the third quarter was the result of extraordinary prices for copper.

● SANGER PHOTOGRAPHICS: The interim results for the six months ended on August 31 show pre-tax profits up by 55 per cent to £402,000, while turnover grew from £11.1m to £12.7m. An interim dividend of 0.75p is to be paid and a final dividend of 1.25p is planned, making 2p. The board reports that in spite of difficult market conditions, the trading profit rose by 26 per cent and the benefits of the cash raised through the placing resulted in substantial interest savings.

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COMPANY NEWS
IN BRIEF

SAMUEL PROPERTIES: Fiscal 4p making 5.5p (5.2p) for the year to June 30. (Figures in £000). Turnover 18,166 (20,627). Operating profit 3,774 (4,084). Share of profits of associates 658 (profit 190). Profit before tax 3,116 (4,274). Tax 778 (1,100). Minorities 16 (24). Extraordinary credits 1,071 (222). Earnings per share 8.18p (10.85p). Shares 151 down 1.

WALTER RUNCIMAN: For half-year to June 30. Interim dividend 2.5p (same), payable on January 3. (Figures in £000). Turnover 29,055 (32,770). Operating profit 7,655 (7,992). Operating profit 553 (1,156). Pretax loss 107 (profit 701). After tax loss 58 (profit 336). Minorities loss 139 (loss 122).

SHOES: Results for six months to July 28. (Figures in £000). Turnover 39,655 (37,160). Pretax profit 2,949 (2,947). Tax 1,517 (1,495).

WOODCHESTER INVESTMENTS: Half year to September 30. 2.5p (2p). The company intends in lieu of a final. A second interim dividend 1.5p per share (2nd interim dividend 1.5p) (Figures in £000). Gross revenue 1,269 (784). Pretax profit 332 (179). After finance costs nil (28). Tax 23 (14). Extraordinary debit 57 (credit 80). Earnings per share 8.4p (7p) pre-extraordinary items shares 146 up 3.

RICHARDSON WES- TARTIS: No dividend for half year to June 30. (Figures in £000). Turnover 11,121 (31,833). Trading loss 91 (profit 325). Central costs 411 (347). Interest payable 235 (279). Pretax loss 706 (341). Shares 20p down 2p.

COMBEN GROUP: Six months to June 30. No interim. (Figures in £000). Group turnover 47,851 (31,618). Pretax profit 2,511 (2,006). Tax 160 (420). Earnings per share 4.07p (4.4p).

ENGLISH NATIONAL INVESTMENT CO: Interim dividend 4.65p (4.4p). Per preferred ordinary dividend 2.2p (1.95p). Per deferred ordinary for six months to September 30. Dividends and interest received £138,646 (£125,147). Other income £32,068 (£30,811). Making gross income £170,714 (£155,958). Interest charges and expenses £38,703 (£33,266). Pretax profit £132,011 (£122,692).

H FENNER: Has acquired from the Arco Corp. of Mannheim, Pennsylvania, the assets of its Mannheim manufacturing and bottling division for \$2.5m (£2m).

SPECTRUM GROUP: Year to June 30. Had Spectrum's ord. shares been publicly held throughout the year, it would have been the director's intention to recommend a total dividend of 2p a share. Figures in £000. Turnover 39,793 (£2,591). Pretax profit 1,835 (307).

BICC: Has reached an agreement for Power Technologies to buy BICC's 58.13 per cent stake in its S. African offshoot, Scottish Cables, for £12.8m (£6m).

BRITISH RAYONPHANE: Half-year to June 30. Figures in £000. Turnover 29,580 (26,885). Pretax profit 725 (1,005). Profits for the second half are expected to exceed the first half.

Telecom buys huge holdings of land and buildings

By Judith Huntley

An unlikely developer has been hard at work in the past year

British Telecom could well turn out to be one of Britain's largest property companies with a portfolio estimated to be worth more than £1 billion. This would make it a rival in size, if not quality, to the likes of Hammerson and MEPC.

Information about BT's property holdings is hard to come by. Indeed, it is doubtful whether BT itself knows exactly how much property it owns but it does say that property accounts for 15 per cent of its assets.

These had a net book value of £7.14 billion in last year's accounts, based on an internal valuation. It is difficult to put a figure on its property assets, many of which are operational land and buildings. BT has yet to say whether there will be an external valuation once the company is floated. And it seems unlikely that BT's initial prospectus, due out tomorrow, will shed much light on the matter.

While it must be said that BT's business is not that of property development and investment, it is taking the subject seriously and the property market has been taking note of BT's heightened activity in the last year. The company is in the process of re-structuring its regional set up, which has generated a great demand for buildings.

It is the responsibility of BT's new director of property management, Mr Richard Luff, to oversee all the property requirements of the company and this includes buying and selling where appropriate. Mr Luff is well qualified for the task. He was formerly chief

surveyor for the Corporation of the City of London and is a past president of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Despite his career in the public sector, he is believed to be keen to use private firms of chartered surveyors to carry out BT's instructions rather than the Property Services Agency, which usually carries out such work for government departments. If such a policy is adopted, it will be in line with Government thinking.

Over the last year or so, BT has taken or announced plans for developing almost 600,000 sq ft of industrial and office space. The biggest scheme mooted by BT was a £25m, 320,000 sq ft building at Campbell Park, Milton Keynes, in Buckinghamshire. This would have represented a huge investment by BT and a shot in the arm for the new town, but it appears that uncertainty over staffing needs prevented the scheme going ahead.

But as Healey & Baker, the chartered surveyors, points out in its look at the west of London high technology market, BT alone accounted for 4 per cent of the deals done in the last year.

The most recent letting to BT is the 23,775 sq ft £4m, Broadway House at Bromley, Kent, developed by Rush & Tompkins' property division. BT is paying £230,000 a year for the building with retail space on the ground floor being used as a telephone shop. This is common practice for BT which has a growing number of shops selling its range of telephones.

BT has 35,000 sq ft in Churchill House, Red Lion Square, in Holborn, for which it is paying the developer Stock Conversion £425,000 a year.

In the provinces, BT is the most likely tenant for MacKay Securities' 30,000 sq ft office block in Greyfriars Road, Reading, Berkshire. The biggest letting in Leeds for some considerable time was also due



Marble arches: the reception hall of the newly-restored 100 Piccadilly

£1.45m a year rent sought for Piccadilly offices

London & Leeds Investments, the property division of the Ladbroke Group, is asking no less than £1.45m a year in rent for its 60,000 sq ft blend of old and new office space at 100 Piccadilly in London's West End. The original building opposite Green Park has been restored in lavish style courtesy of Mr David Hicks and a modern air-conditioned office block built at the rear, complete with atrium.

London & Leeds bought the building four years ago when it

was still used as a club. The company says it spent £2m on the finishes but will not reveal how much the overall development cost.

London & Leeds intends to sell the scheme and is gradually completing its other London office projects. The emphasis in future will be on developing luxury apartments and shopping schemes rather than the office market. Letting agents for 100 Piccadilly are Richard Ellis, Michael Laurie & Partners and D. E. & J. Levy.

to BT. It took 125,000 sq ft in the city.

The Merseyside Development Corporation and the developer Arrowcroft were hoping to get BT as a tenant for the restored Albert Dock complex in Liverpool but BT eventually took 70,000 sq ft in Imperial Buildings in the city centre developed by Sun Life Assurance and Uist Properties.

BT's flagship is the impressive new London headquarters built for it close to St Paul's Cathedral in the City. As well as accommodating its central London staff, the building will no doubt impress prospective investors.

The rest of the property portfolio may not be as impressive but it could well contribute to BT's profits if handled in the right way. The first set of accounts from the privatized BT should throw some light on the matter.

Isle of Dogs leads docklands revival

Attempts to regenerate London's dockland are showing most signs of success in the Isle of Dogs enterprise zone. The Milltech Centre, a 13,170 sq ft office and industrial development, has been sold for £1m. Paul Sykes Developments of Leeds bought the scheme, built on a one-acre site, from College Hill Securities which developed the building with Geoffrey Osborn. The centre has yet to find a tenant. The asking rent through agents Henry Butcher and St Quintin is £90,000 a year for the 25-year lease with five-yearly reviews.

Henry Butcher has sold the No 1 Olsen Shed, also in the enterprise zone to R. Maskell, which recently bought the House of Holland group. Maskell has bought the shed, which will be turned into 120,000 sq ft of offices and warehousing and on a 5.3 acre site, from the London Docklands Development Corporation which has its headquarters next door. The whole development will cost £2.25m to build.

The strength of the auction market, which has been a growing force over the last two years, can be seen from the sale of a rare City of London freehold for £1.21m this week. Allsop & Co, on behalf of a development company, has sold six small properties at Carter Lane, Cobbs Court and 33 Ludgate Hill to another developer. The leases on the buildings have six-monthly break clauses for redevelopment.

The Ludgate Hill area of the City, once the poor relation, is now becoming a popular location for tenants and investors alike. Eagle Star Properties is developing offices adjacent to the auctioned site and Land Securities is believed to have let part of its refurbishment at 50 Ludgate Hill to Deloitte, Haskins & Sons, the accountant.

Ford Camber, a joint company formed by Watney Combe Reid, Lazard Brothers and Lysander Investments wants permission for a £50m, 327,000 sq ft office on the site, but a rival application by Greycoat City Offices has been submitted for 193,000 sq ft of offices with 31,000 sq ft of

shops. The site is owned by the City of London Corporation and Ford Camber.

The future of the site next to the Riverside Studios in Hammersmith, West London, looks more assured. Hammersmith & Fulham council has appointed Darcon Properties, the Romford private development company which is part of the Webb International Group, to build a £12m office, industrial and residential scheme on the site. The Heron Corporation's plans for a £21m redevelopment came to nothing. Darcon Properties intends funding the scheme internally but will be looking for an institutional partner or will sell on. The developer has a £20m facility with the US National Westminster Bank secured on its US properties which it will use for the Hammersmith project.

The Rank Organisation, which sold the British and Irish property assets of Rank City Wall last week to British Land for £49m, is to sell its overseas properties. Rank says that talks are under way with a potential buyer for the £70m of property the company owns in Canada and Belgium. Rank says that British Land is not in the market for the overseas portfolio.

The funds are back into property investment with institutional investment at its highest since 1982. The second quarter saw investment in property rise to £433m from a five-year low at the beginning of the year of only £272m. This quarter's figure, says Knight Frank & Rutley, the chartered surveyors, is the highest since the record £499m invested in the last quarter of 1982 and in line with the 1982/3 average.

The insurance companies put £219m into property with pension funds investing £167m, unit trusts at £14m and £33m coming from the building societies. Pension fund investment was down but insurance companies are back in line with 1982/83 levels. The unit trust figure was the best for two years. The institutions put £1.35 billion in to gilts and £860m in British equities. There has been a disinvestment from overseas equities, the first since 1976, with the institutions selling £748m worth.

APPOINTMENTS

Three move up at the Britannia

Britannia Building Society, from January 1, Mr Michael Shaw, chief general manager, will take over the duties of the retiring managing director, Mr Norman Cowburn, but retain his present title. Mr Roy Griffiths, deputy general manager responsible for development, will become general manager, with special responsibility for business development, branch offices and mortgage policy; and Mr Kenneth Heywood will become general manager responsible for administration.

STC: Mr Duncan Lewis has been appointed director, business intelligence and planning. Goia (UK): Mr Eric Carter has become a non-executive director.

Davy McKee (Poole): Mr R. J. Tazzyman will become managing director at the end of the year, succeeding Mr Peter Jackson. Mr Tazzyman is at present commercial and financial director.

Ellerman City Liners: Mr Michael Parker has joined the company as sales and marketing director.

Private Patients Plan: Mr Richard Blayland has become a director.

Daniel C. Griffith: Dr Andrew Barber has been appointed chief executive. TDS circuits: Mr Stephen Faby has become operations director.

Thorn EMI Ferguson: Dr H. J. Maymin becomes chairman from January, in succession to Mr R. E. Norman, who will continue to be a non-executive director of Ferguson and president of JET (Holdings) BV.

Wave Group: Mr John Clegg has been made managing director.

Aitken Hume Funds (Management): Mr Paul Saunders has joined the board as unit trust marketing director following Mr Geoffrey Hyde's appointment to head board of Aitken Hume International, where he will be responsible for overall marketing of the group's products and services.

C. Czarnikow: Mr A. P. Schenk, who will be retiring as chairman from the end of this year, will be succeeded by Mr M. D. Chataway. Mr John Thomson and Mr John de Havilland are to become non-executive directors of both Czarnikow Holdings and C. Czarnikow.

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MOTOR RACING

Battle to keep Monaco on grid

Jean-Marie Balestre, the president of the International Motor Sports Federation (FISA), has arrived in Monaco in a fresh effort to settle the row which could mark the end of an era for the tiny principality as the most glamorous motor sport venue in Europe.

The Monaco Grand Prix has already been dropped from next year's calendar because of a dispute over television rights, and in a long running dispute the organisers, the Automobile Club of Monaco (ACM), now face expulsion by the sport's ruling body. The club is also responsible for the Monte Carlo rally, so expulsion would mean the end of the rally as well as the grand prix.

Balestre will also be attempting to resolve another more imminent problem faced by the rally - a \$110,000 (£92,000) levy imposed by the French Motor Sports Federation for the use of French roads and services.

The organisers have until tomorrow to indicate their willingness to pay, but say they do not have the money. The rally, first run in 1911, chooses the harshest season of the year for more than 200 cars to battle through snow and ice before converging on Monte Carlo.

The grand prix, first run in 1929, offers a street car-chase unique in Europe. But now the International Automobile Federation (FIA) has started moves to expel the Monaco club because of "serious violations of the federation's statutes".

That threat has drawn Prince Rainier's government into efforts to save the prestige races. Balestre, who is also president of the French Motor Sports Federation, said recently: "Everyone thought one would never dare deprive oneself of Monaco, the showcase of motor sport. Well, I'm sorry, this showcase is broken. We want these people to respect the rules."

The FIA has accused the Monaco club of causing serious moral and financial prejudice to the federation - a reference to legal actions brought by the club.

Balestre also said last week the club should be punished for breaking FIA rules on television rights. Monaco is out of step with other Formula One races because of a contract with the American ABC network.

The club has been told to appear before FISA next month and expulsion would have immediate effect.

The sports daily newspaper *L'Express* says FISA representatives have told the Automobile Club president, Michel Bocris, that no compromise is possible unless any outstanding legal proceedings are dropped. If a solution is found, there is still a gap in the 1985 Formula One calendar on May 19 which Monaco could fill.

On the rally the French say they are following other countries by imposing a charge for the use of roads and support services. Bocris, however, has described the levy as "illegitimate". His supporters include the Mayor of Menton, Emmanuel Aubert, Member of Parliament for the Maritime Alps region.

Football: Everton give British clubs a bright start in the second round of the European club competitions



Wrong way: Pruzzo's penalty beats Parker to give Roma a controversial lead over Wrexham

A debit that Wrexham can repay

From Clive White, Rome

AS Roma.....2
Wrexham.....0

The glory that was Rome is still a thing of the past. Silenced by the efforts of a dozen men from North Wales, Wrexham, eighty-seventh in the Canon League, now eagerly await Roma at the Racecourse Ground in a fortnight's time for the second leg of this European Cup Winners' Cup second round tie. They have a genuine chance of removing last season's European Cup finalists from this competition.

It would be a remarkable double for any team, let alone one of Wrexham's lowly standing, to dispose of the runners-up in Europe's two senior competitions in successive rounds.

Golden boots for Rush and Platini

Park (Reuters) - Michel Platini and Ian Rush will receive "Golden Boot" awards for their goal-scoring feats here next Tuesday.

Platini, the European Footballer of the Year, has won two trophies for leading France to the European championship last June. The "Golden Boot" for his nine goals and the "Golden Ball" as an outstanding player of the tournament.

Rush won the European "Golden Boot" award for his 32 League goals for Liverpool last season. Van Basten of Ajax Amsterdam was second, with 28 goals.

The European Challenge Award, ahead of Juventus of Turin, Platini's club, and the Scottish champions, Aberdeen, in the European championship, Preben Elkjaer-Larsen of Denmark and Jean Tigana of France won the silver and bronze ball awards while Frank Arnesen of Denmark and Rudi Voller of West Germany won the silver and bronze boot awards.

And, who knows, that might have happened here yesterday had Roma, struggling to penetrate a courageous Welsh defence, not been given a helping hand of a thirty-seventh minute penalty which surprised even the most rabid Roman fan.

It was a match which illustrated perfectly the illogical beauty of club competition. Wrexham's players should not belong in the same magnificent Olympic stadium as Roma, but before the end it was the graceless Italians who should have been asked to leave.

Wrexham, for whom the entire defence, Horn and Steel were wonderfully competitive, played the game as if it was just another fourth division match, except with rather more success than of late.

The weather had cooled before the kick-off and so, it seemed, had the passion of the Italian support. The flag-wav-

ing, drum-beating and coloured fireworks were all there to greet Griffiths, their chairman, complained to the UEFA official present about the decision and said that even the Italian directors could not believe it.

Parker, the Wrexham goalkeeper who has been troubled by injuries to knee and arm in recent weeks, now found his nerves under attack in the early minutes before Roma's hospitality allowed Wrexham to settle into the tie. The home team seemed reluctant to assert their obvious technical superiority and their lack of success this season was only too sharply reflected.

Wrexham might even have scored first when Gregory hit the side netting on a blind-side run to a cross by Rogers which snaked through the Roma defence. The Italians were clearly unsettled by such aggression, and as the crowd grew restless the Hungarian referee came to their aid by penalizing a Wrexham defender. Wrexham

players claimed that it was an Italian hand on the ball. Pryce Griffiths, their chairman, complained to the UEFA official present about the decision and said that even the Italian directors could not believe it.

When Pruzzo converted the penalty, it incensed Wrexham rather than inspired Roma. Rogers should have done better with a noded pass from Steel, but four minutes into the second half Roma scored again when Cerezo, a Brazilian international, let fly in typical style from 25 yards after a clever back-heel by Chierico. But it failed to open the floodgates for Roma.

AS ROMA: F Tancredi, E Oddi, P Bonetti (sub G Giannini), C Ancilotti, U Righetti, A Maleda, S A Cacerio, B Conil, A Cacerio, P Pruzzo, J Buratti, M Tono.

WREXHAM: S Parker, J King, S Convery, S Griffiths, J King, W Wright, A Edwards, B Horne, J Steel, D Gregory (sub J Muldoon), K Rogers. Referee: L Padar (Hungary).

Gesture costs 'Rideout' a belated fine

Paul Rideout will pay for his honesty with a one-match suspension and a £150 fine. The England under-21 centre-forward learned yesterday that this was his punishment for "bringing the game into disrepute".

After Peter Withe, his Aston Villa colleague, was sent off in the game at Ipswich, Rideout owned up to the fact he had made an obscene gesture to a linesman. Withe, who had been booked earlier, escaped suspension. Rideout was cautioned and the FA also brought the disciplinary charge.

Rideout did not attend the inquiry. He put his case in the FA disciplinary hearing in a letter.

Ron Linney, who has had 25 years' administrative experience with Aston Villa and Sunderland, is to join Hull City as general manager and secretary. Mr Linney, aged 50, who has been out of football for the last two years, starts his new job tomorrow.

Everton are halfway there

A goal by Paul Bracewell gave Everton a 1-0 win in their European Cup Winners' Cup second round, first leg tie away to Inter Bratislava last night. Bracewell, an England under-21 Stoke City in the close season, scored after six minutes and Everton hung on to give themselves an excellent chance of reaching the third round.

Dynamo Moscow beat Hamrun Spartans of Malta, 3-0, with goals from Gazzaev (2), Karatayev, Khabatilis, and Bulanov in their home leg. Larissa, of Greece, came from behind to beat Servette, of Switzerland, 2-1. A crowd of 17,000 saw Koch give Servette an away goal after 13 minutes, but Patsiavouras equalised eight minutes after half time and Konstantin won the winning goal from a penalty in the 65th minute.

Spartak Moscow held Lokomotiv Leipzig to a 1-1 draw in their UEFA Cup second round, first leg in East Germany after taking the lead after six minutes through Gavrilov. Zolotarev equalized for the home side six minutes from time.

Olympiakos restricted Universitatea of Craiova to a 1-0 win in their second leg, first round tie in Bucharest. Clitu scored the only goal of a slow and acrimonious game in the sixteenth minute. Three players, two of them from Olympiakos, were booked.

A goal five minutes from time by Bahic gave Zeljczko Sarajevo a 2-1 home win over Slovan, of Switzerland. Bahic gave the Yugoslavs a lead after 26 minutes, but Sabanadzovic equalized with an own goal after 73 minutes.

In the European Cup second round, first leg, Dynamo Berlin drew 3-3 at home with Austria Vienna in a goal-bound game. By the time the resumed play started, the home side had a goalless draw in Czechoslovakia by Lyngby Boldklub of Denmark.

Dortmund (Reuters) - Borussia Dortmund, the West German first division club, yesterday sacked their trainer Timo Konietzka and manager Hans-Dieter Tippel after a disastrous start to the season. Dortmund have nine matches and the second from the bottom, above Eintracht Brunswick on goal difference.

Borussia spent 3.3 million marks (about £917,000) on new players last summer.

Yesterday's results

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RACING

Efsio's formidable finish should prove decisive

Young Runaway missed last week's Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket to wait for today's apparently easier Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury. And, after his second to the brilliant filly, Oh So Sharp, in the Solario Stakes at Sandown Park, followed by an authoritative victory over Sharp Romance in the Laurent Perrier Champagne Stakes at Doncaster, Guy Harwood's colt will be at least odds for today's test over an extended seven furlongs.

However, impressive though he was at Doncaster, those behind him that day have since shown themselves to be rather ordinary. So, if you add to this the fact that Harwood's team have not exactly been carrying all before them recently, it may pay to take a chance with Efsio, a colt whose own stable, that of John Dunlop, is seeing out the season in almost invincible form.

Efsio is unbeaten in three runs and although he makes a considerable step up in class today he could well be equal to it. His most impressive success came in his last outing when the son of Formidable showed remarkable acceleration to cut down Tyrolite in a well-contested six-furlong nursery at Ascot. Efsio, carrying second top weight that day and

the way he was pulling away from the rest at the finish suggested that today's extra distance should not trouble him.

A line through Our Jock, who finished sixth to Efsio at Ascot, suggests that there should be little between Dunlop's horse and another of today's runners, Ticky Bender, who will be ridden by Lester Pigott. Ticky Bender, Our Jock, just a short head at Newmarket on Saturday, but was giving him 11lb more than Efsio did, so clearly he will be a dangerous rival.

Assemblyman, who beat Grayford in a decent race at Doncaster, and Veritige, who will be wearing blinkers for the first time, also cannot be ruled out of what should prove a close and fascinating contest.

Willie Carson, who rides Efsio, could also take the Rochford Thompson Newbury Stakes on Royal Pot. Dunlop's filly finished sixth to today's almost certain favourite, Tundra Goose, when that filly won at Newmarket on her debut earlier this month. However, Royal Pot is now 7lb better off and a man as shrewd as Hern would not bother taking the winner on again unless he had good reason to believe his filly could reverse the placings.

Carson will also be the choice of many to win the Great Western Stakes on the Queen's Rough Stones, who made up for a lapse at York when beating the older Cheka in style at Haydock. However, preference is for Rostova, who, in receipt of 8lb, is napped to win this nice prize for Frank Dunn.

Rostova was out of her depth in the Princess Royal Stakes at Ascot, although she was far from disgraced in finishing seventh to One Way Street. Before that she has finished second to Kingswell - who has won again since - at Newmarket and had been an impressive winner from another of today's runners, Vital Boy (who is only 2lb better off) over slightly further than today's trip.

In the other competitive handicap on this afternoon's card, the five-furlong Cape Dried Fruit Trophy, Amigo Loco, who followed a York victory with a good fourth to Lucky Dutch at Newmarket, is taken to defy top weight at the expense of the easy Ascot winner, Deputy Head.

The best bet at Redcar could be Gift Star (3.45) trained by Paul Kellaway and the mount of his daughter, Gay. Ridden by Gay's sister, Sarah, Gift Star rounded Ruff's Luck at Chesham on Monday.



Freight Forwarder (left) takes the last on the way to winning Cheltenham's Lydney Novices Chase (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Half Free may return for Mackeson Gold Cup

Half Free, brilliant winner of the Longley Handicap Chase at Cheltenham yesterday was scoring for the third time over the two and a half mile course. He may return to the Mackeson Gold Cup, the valuable Mackeson Gold Cup.

Yesterday's winning combination of Fred Winter, Shaikh Ali Abu Khamis and Richard Lisle won the Mackeson Gold Cup. The champion jockey found Freight Forwarder a much more cooperative mount in the Lydney Novices Chase. Although this 10-year-old had little experience or schooling over fences, Francoeur soon had him jumping well and after delaying his effort until crossing the last, he forged four lengths clear of Our Fun on the flat.

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DRAW: no advantage

Totes: Double 3.0, 4.0, Treble 2.0, 3.30, 4.30

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CRICKET: PAKISTAN CONTAIN INDIA AT START OF SECOND TEST

Recalled Qadir quick to make his presence felt

Faisalabad (AFP) — Despite a confident start by the opening batsmen, Sunil Gavaskar and Anshuman Gaekwad, the Indian touring party were restricted to 216 for four here yesterday on the opening day of the second match of the three Test series against Pakistan.

The specialist leg spinner, Abdul Qadir, who missed the drawn first Test because of a dispute with the Pakistan selectors, took the first two wickets, and contained the Indian batsmen.

Gaekwad played a very aggressive innings and was the day's top scorer, hitting 74 runs off 166 balls with the help of 10 boundaries. The out-of-form Sandeep Patil, formerly India's most effective batsman, regained some of his flair and scored an unbeaten 42.

Gavaskar, the captain, and Mohinder Amarnath were out after scoring 35 and 37 runs respectively. Since the wicket is not helping the bowlers, the Indians are expected to enhance their score.

Gavaskar won the toss and chose to bat first on a wicket which is known for good scoring. Gavaskar and Gaekwad shaped up well and punished every delivery that came short or loose, putting on 88 before being separated 20 minutes before lunch, when Gavaskar failed to read Qadir's googly. The ball popped up in front of the record-breaking Indian batsman and Qasim Omar, fielding close in, held a brilliant catch.

By then, Gaekwad had completed his half-century, studded with eight forceful hits to the rope. Dilip Vengsarkar, joining him was out cheaply for five to Qadir soon after lunch. The medium pace bowler, Manzoor Iqbal, who yesterday became the 101st Pakistani to



Amarnath: fell on his wicket

win a Test cap, took the precious wicket of Gaekwad, who offered a return catch for 74.

The touring side were then 148 for three. Amarnath and Patil pushed the score to 166 at tea without further loss, though the run rate dropped after the three wickets fell, and the visitors added only 69 runs between lunch and tea.

Just after tea India suffered a severe setback when they lost the hero of Lahore, Amarnath, who, while hitting a bouncer from Azeem Hafeez, went sprawling and broke his wicket.

West Indies with time to entertain sunbathers

Adelaide (Reuters) — The West Indians survived an early setback in their innings before gaining a seven-wicket win in a one-day, limited overs match against a South Australian Country XI in Loxton, north-east of here, yesterday.

Set 166 to win, the West Indians played the Country XI for the loss of three wickets. To the delight of the 7,000 spectators basking in the warm sunshine, they continued batting, finishing on 230 for five after 40.5 overs.

The West Indians, who had restricted the Country XI to 65 for eight in the allotted 50 overs, lost their openers, Greenidge and Haynes, for 37. But Richardson, who remained unbeaten on 87, and Gomes (42) added 78 runs for the third wicket.

Earlier the Country XI batsmen had struggled, despite the West Indians' leisurely approach. There was, however, a spirited partnership for the eight wicket, McCallum and Penn putting on 56.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY XI
A. Greenidge 14-wickets 4
R. Richardson 87
D. Richardson 37
T. Richardson 37
H. Richardson 37
J. Richardson 37
M. Richardson 37
P. Richardson 37
S. Richardson 37
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WEST INDIES
G. Richardson 14-wickets 4
D. Richardson 87
H. Richardson 37
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W. Richardson 37
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INDIA: First innings
A. Gaekwad 74
S. Gavaskar 35
D. Vengsarkar 37
M. Amarnath 37
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Other Appointments

Also on pages 29, 32 and 33



The United Nations has designated 1985 as International Year for Youth to highlight the needs and aspirations of young people. The Children's Society propose to establish this important project as part of its contribution to this Year.

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It is intended that the Centre will monitor developments, trends, statistics and good practice across the country and provide information to assist with planning and projections.

This Centre is launched, following 12 months' discussion and consultation with agencies and individuals already involved in work with young offenders in Wales, and is an attempt to respond to their hopes, aspirations and advice. Although the facilities of the project will be available to all agencies in Wales, it does complement an increasing number of intermediate treatment projects developed by The Children's Society in partnership with Local Authorities.

Applications for the post of Director and Social Work Consultant are now invited. Candidates must be able to demonstrate that they can communicate effectively with all levels of staff in agencies concerned with young offenders, must have relevant qualifications and considerable experience of work in the juvenile justice system. Knowledge of recent developments in practice, policy issues and law is essential and experience of management and/or research within juvenile justice would be beneficial. Welsh-speaking candidates particularly welcome.

The Centre will be based in the offices of the Wales Council for Voluntary Action at Llys Ior, Caerphilly.

Applicants may be considered for both posts and informal enquiries and application forms from: John Jones, Principal Officer (Community Initiatives), Church of England Children's Society, A.M.P. House, Whitby Road, Bristol BS4 3 QF. Tel. (0272) 773701. Closing date: 5th November, 1984. Interviews for the Director will be held on 15th November, 1984.

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COMPANY MEETING NOTICES

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The one hundred and forty-fifth annual general meeting of the Society will be held at the Grosvenor Hotel, Grosvenor Road, London E1C 2JH, on Wednesday, November 21 at 11.30 a.m. The agenda of business includes the election of members of the Council, the presentation of the annual report and accounts, and the payment of dividends.

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Relocation expenses are payable in certain cases and assistance with temporary housing will be considered. The post carries an essential car allowance.

Write for applications for the above post, including S.A.E. to the Personnel Department, NORTH TYNSIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL, 7 Northumberland Square, North Shields NE26 1QQ. Closing date: 12th November 1984.

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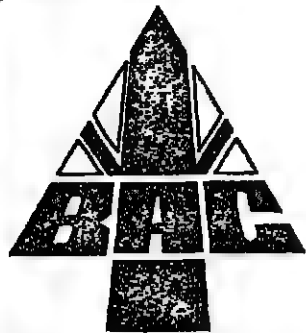
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HORIZONS

The Times guide to career development

Lending a corporate expertise

Secondment - sending an officer or senior non-commissioned officer to a different assignment outside his unit for a limited period - has long been established practice in the services, but it is a relatively new concept in management. Now it is being taken up by some of Britain's best known and most successful companies.

Marks & Spencer, ICI, IBM, leading building societies, the clearing and merchant banks, insurance companies and some of the big accounting practices are among the 250 or so active supporters of the two main organizations who are promoting and arranging secondment, Business in the Community and Action Resource Centre.

Their objectives are slightly different. Business in the Community sees its role as providing centralised coordinating support to the growing number of enterprise agencies which have been set up as a link between large national concerns and small local businesses.

Action Resource Centre are also involved in this kind of work through their placing of secondees with business advice centres, but extend their activities into a wider range of community activities, principally those concerned with job creation.

There is a certain amount of enlightened self interest behind the support these bodies are getting. Major companies are recognising that no one is an economic island and that high unemployment, in taking purchasing power from sections of the community, has a domino effect on the local fortunes of even national chains. To help stimulate recovery by lending out corporate expertise conveys, therefore, ultimate benefits as well as being desirable from a social point of view. Furthermore, says ARC director Cecilia Allen, sponsor companies have found there is a valuable spin-off in terms of publicity. "Press coverage of local initiatives invariably mentions secondees and the firms they come from."

Secondment has been found to be a useful way of moving executives close to retirement, but principally it is being promoted as a form of mid-career development: more valuable, some firms consider, than sending a person to a business school. This is not only because the experience they get is strictly at the sharp end, but because it covers such a wide range of problems.

"When an accountant or a bank manager is seconded to a business advice centre, he's going to be faced with every kind of question from

Godfrey Golzen looks at opportunities for managers in secondment

marketing to employment law," says Cecilia Allen. "He will come out with a far more rounded picture of the business environment in which his employer operates than he could ever get in the kind of specialist function into which executives almost invariably slot in mid career. "Also, from the personal point of view, there could be no better antidote to mid life crisis when it's tied up with career problems."

This is equally true of the community oriented activities that ARC fosters - for instance, sending secondees to run youth training schemes or those concerned with the rehabilitation of offenders, or with working with the disabled. There too the range of problems they might have to cope with is almost infinitely stimulating. "They might have to do anything from setting up bookkeeping systems and training programmes to persuading employers to overcome their prejudices against some minority group by direct advocacy or by talking to and writing for the media."

The underlying theme, however, is always for the secondee to teach others the job of leadership as well as learning it for him or herself. "We don't want people just to come in and run things for a while and then leave a vacuum behind them."

Same salary

Selecting secondees is a very important aspect both for Business in the Community and Action Resource Centre. "It's not a way for companies to get rid of dead wood," Ms Allen stresses. "As well as interviewing secondees ourselves we also introduce them to the people on whom they'll be working on. It's only when everything clicks that we accept them."

Secondment usually lasts for 6-18 months, during which time the original employer keeps the secondee on the payroll at exactly the same salary and terms as before. Now ARC are working with about 100 secondees, covering an amazingly wide range of occupations.

Apart from the accountants and bankers who are usually attached to business advice centres, there is, for instance, an insurance salesman who

is helping with the unemployment problems of ethnic minorities, a policeman involved in training car mechanics and an engineer teaching information technology to unemployed school leavers. Incidentally, ARC practice what they preach. Their own deputy director is a secondee from the Department of the Environment who is getting experience administering an organisation which maintains ten offices throughout the country supervising the various local activities.

Very often the secondees return to their companies intellectually refreshed and with enhanced promotion prospects. But Ms Allen says that what employers get out of secondment depends very much on what they put into it.

"If at the end of the period all they can say is 'oh, so you're back', it's unlikely they'll derive much benefit. They should try to establish systematically what the secondee has learned, not only in terms of his or her own development, but also what the lessons are for the employer - for instance, how a company's products anything from services up bookkeeping systems and training programmes to persuading employers to overcome their prejudices against some minority group by direct advocacy or by talking to and writing for the media."

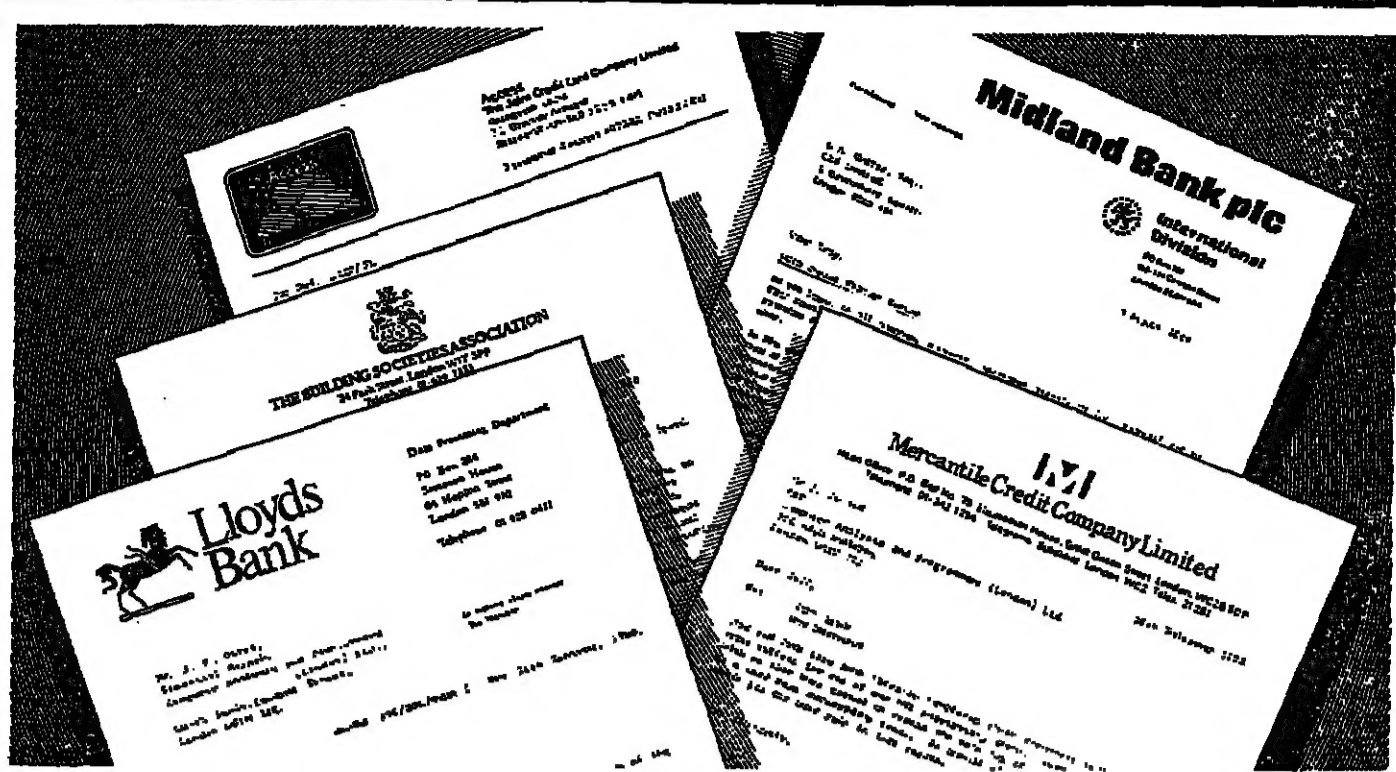
A longer look

ARC and Business in the Community are charitable bodies, but at least one significant private sector consultant, Imbucan, are also convinced of the potential of secondment. As well as lending out their own staff to clients for extended periods in functional as well as consultative roles, they are also now hunting heads for secondment to senior jobs - even at managing director level.

Imbucan's Ray Smith believes this trend will grow. "In times of economic uncertainty companies are nervous about making long term plans. Taking on a secondee gives them a chance to see how things develop as well as creating an opportunity to take a longer look at someone they might want to take on permanently. Working with someone who is seconded to you had to be an infinitely better way of seeing how they'll fit in than a couple of interviews."

Addresses: Action Resource Centre, Henrietta House, 9 Henrietta Place, London W1M 9AG, Business in the Community, 227 City Road, London EC1V 1JL, Imbucan, 72/80 High Street, Esher, Surrey.

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9.05 Taking Sides. The radiovision series (this programme is broadcast simultaneously with Radio 4) discusses the topic of "The Power of the Police". Lord Justice Scarman is among those taking part in the debate which coincides with the revised police and criminal evidence bill in reading in the House of Commons 10.00 Cee-fax. 10.30 Play School, presented by Ben Thomas (r).

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Wilson and Moira Stuart. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only). Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One with Gyles and David Allen. Gay Search with advice on debt and how to avoid it and music from Buddy Greco. 1.45 Fingerbobs (r).

2.00 The Afternoon Show presented by Barbara Dickson and Penny Junor. The programme includes items on interfaith and the male menopause.

2.45 Racing from Newbury. Julian Wilson introduces coverage of the Richmond Thoroughbred Handicap Stakes (3.30) 3.48 Regional news (not London).

3.50 Play School, presented by Kate Copstick. 4.10 Bananaman. 4.15 Beat the Teacher. Part three of the inter-school quiz. 4.30 Gollum. Cartoon adventures.

4.50 John Craven's Newsworld. 5.00 Blue Peter. Simon Green and Michael Sewart watch as a 300-strong flock of Dethick sheep head their bath to save them from the dreaded sheep scab (Cee-fax). 5.25 Henry's Cat. 5.30 Orange Hls. Part eight of the drama serial about a secondary school's pupils (r) (Cee-fax). 5.58 Weather.

6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell.

6.30 London Plus.

6.55 Tomorrow's World. The latest developments in the world of science and technology.

7.20 Top of the Pops introduced by Peter Powell and Dave Lee Travis.

8.00 Don't Wait Up. Comedy series about a father and son, both separated from their wives, who live together in a state of mutual unease (Cee-fax).

8.30 Checkpoint. Roger Cook champions another cause for the consumer.

9.00 News with John Humphrys.

9.25 Morgan's Job. Episode three of the serial about a Welsh fish farmer and his relationship with his city-bred nephew (Cee-fax).

10.15 Heart of the Matter. The last in the series presented by David Jessel.

10.50 Question Time. Sir Robin Day a panel consists of Lady Ralston and Mrs David Alton, John Maynard and David Mellor.

11.35 News headlines.

11.55 Out of the Underworld considers the time when people will find themselves without work and with leisure time becoming central to their lives.

12.05 Weather.

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6.25 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Homecombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; guests, Nigel Rees and Dame Anna Nagle from 6.45; exercises at 6.48 and 8.53; the day's anniversaries at 8.51; Popeye cartoon at 7.22; pop video 7.54; inside Alan Lamb's home at 8.15; d-i-y advice at 8.47; cartoon special at 9.02.

LONDON

1.40 Falcon Crest. Drama serial set in California drama series featuring Jane Wymann as the matriarch trying to control a wild business.

2.30 Mary Berry. Cookery advice and recipes.

3.00 The Adventurer. Gene Barry stars as the Saint-like character fighting wrongs.

3.30 Sons and Daughters. Another episode from the steamy and scandal-ridden lives of the Australian Palmer and Hamilton families.

4.00 We'll Tell You a Story. Christopher Lillicrap with another tale for the very young.

4.15 Cockleshell Bay. Seaside adventures of the Cockle twins.

4.30 Dangermouse. The secret service agent and his assistant, Penfold, go battle with the evil Baron Greenback.

5.00 Challenge. Competitions for children.

5.30 Botanic Man. Professor David Bellamy, as erudite and presented by Barbara Dickson and Penny Junor. The programme includes items on interfaith and the male menopause.

6.00 Different Strokes. American comedy series about a millionaire and his adopted son.

6.25 Help! Community action news from Viv Taylor Gae.

6.30 Keep It in the Family. Documentary series about an artistic family.

7.00 Knight Rider. David Hasselhoff stars as Michael Knight, the driver of KITT, his talking and indestructible motor car.

8.00 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. The first in a new series of comedies starring Jim Davidson as the South London Jack-the-lad with his own house in this opening episode the arrival of a push bike heralds a period of disasters comparable to the destruction of the Roman Empire.

8.30 Hotel. A red letter day for the plush St Gregory Hotel brings back the arrival of a glamorous film star, Katherine Cole played by Elizabeth Taylor. Elsewhere, a highly successful businessman books in with his family.

9.30 Eye Bites Harvest. Harvest. There is also an item on a new system to help choose the right wine for a particular dish.

9.00 International Snooker. The fourth quarter final of the Rothmans Grand Prix.

9.30 The Boat. The final part of the gripping drama about a U-boat mission in the winter of 1941.

10.25 International Snooker. Further coverage of the fourth quarterfinal.

10.55 Newsnight.

11.40 International Snooker. The closing frames of the evening from the Hexagon, Reading. Ends at 12.15.

11.45 Night Thoughts.



Roger Cook. He presents Checkpoint (BBC1, 8.30pm)

However certain of our individuality, each of us is the filling for a slice of a salesman's pie chart. If male, and a regular buyer of clothes, are you a Q1 ("mainstream conservative") or a Q2 ("price shopper")? Are you, perhaps, the elusive Q2 ("classic independent, a real clothes horse")? This attempt of the world's largest jeans manufacturer to lasso the latter animal with a line of up-market clothing is chronicled in *Levi's* - not by jeans alone, the latest clip from COMMERICAL BREAKS (BBC2, 8.00pm), an excellent series lifting the shiny plastic lid from the cesspool of big business. We witness a "Who wears the trousers?" executive struggle and a scene in which consumers are appraised through a one-way mirror. "He's a real Q2, the others

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are Q1 plus." The attraction of *Commercial Breaks* is the tension which the market place provides: the title is ambiguous, covering both the "lucky break" and the latter half of the equation "make or break". After last week's "casinization", the series this week adds "market segmentation analysis" and "that's something altogether else" to its already dubious and verbal collage. "All I have to say to you and God," says Irish Catholic Jenny (Mary Larkin) to her agnostic Catholic lover Bobby in *LOVERS OF THE LAKE* (Channel 4, 9.30pm), adapted by Alan Owen from a Sean O'Faolain short story. But Jenny also has a husband and the listlessness and guilt induced by her

tripartite loyalties drive her to Lough Beg, an island shrine, on a pilgrimage of penitence and absolution. Recording with relish the external odours of worship - an old man building his nose against the crucified Christ while attempting to venerate the cross; a high speed recitation of the rosary - it seems that the writer and director came to mock and stayed to grieve. Mary Larkin outstanding as Jenny, a woman permanently scowling at God for having created passion with so many provisos.

● Society calls the athlete Theresa John "mentally handicapped". She prefers "four letters" and in *OPEN SPACE* (BBC1, 7.30pm), shows how she achieves with ease on the running track the swiftness and fluency which elude her in thought and speech.

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Catherine Heath, Abridged in ten parts (4). The reader is Maggie Rader. 5.00 PKC News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Yip Minister with Paul Eddington. 6.45 Hawthorne and Paul. 6.50 "The Death List". 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Any Answer? 7.40 International Assignment. 7.45 What About The Workers? Tel 01-580 4411 (lines open from 7.00pm). To follow up today's programme at 7.00pm.

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? A magazine of special interest to dog owners and their families. 9.30 Joy Worship in the BBC Sound Archives. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Includes comment on Peter Porter's book *Fast Forward*, and the Whistler exhibition in Paris. 10.15 A Book At Bedtime: "Quick Service" by P G Woodhouse. Abridged in ten parts (4). Read by Robert Powell. 10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines. 11.15 The World Tonight. 11.30 Tonight in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; weather. 12.30 Shipping Forecast.

VHF (available in England and Wales only). Radio 4 will be as above except: 5.55-6.00pm Weather; Travel 5.55-6.00pm. 6.00-6.15pm News; 6.15-6.30pm Shipping Forecast; 6.30-6.45pm The Six O'Clock News; 6.45-6.55pm Yip Minister with Paul Eddington; 6.55-7.00pm Hawthorne and Paul; 7.00-7.15pm "The Death List"; 7.15-7.30pm News; 7.30-7.45pm The Archers; 7.45-7.55pm Any Answer? 7.55-8.05pm International Assignment; 8.05-8.15pm What About The Workers? Tel 01-580 4411; 8.15-8.30pm Does He Take Sugar? 8.30-8.45pm Kaleidoscope; 8.45-9.00pm Joy Worship in the BBC Sound Archives; 9.00-9.15pm A Book At Bedtime; 9.15-9.30pm The World Tonight; 9.30-9.45pm The World Tonight; 9.45-10.00pm News; 10.00-10.15pm The World Tonight; 10.15-10.30pm Tonight in Parliament; 10.30-10.45pm News; 10.45-11.00pm News Headlines; 11.00-11.15pm The World Tonight; 11.15-11.30pm Tonight in Parliament; 11.30-11.45pm News; 11.45-12.00pm News; 12.00-12.15pm News; 12.15-12.30pm Shipping Forecast.

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NUM fights alone as Nacods call off strike

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This lengthy peace formula began with a statement of intent by the Coal Board, submitted personally by Mr MacGregor, that understanding and trust between the Board and Nacods "should be established and maintained".

The Coal Board went on to withdraw its ruling of August 15 that deputies who refused to cross NUM picket lines will not be paid, and to promise that several more Nacods grievances would be dealt with.

The document says that the Board will put the proposed closure of five "test case" pits into a modified colliery review procedure, which would end in a final appeal to an independent body who's verdict would be given "full weight" in any decision on closure proposals.

The NCB also agreed to "completely reconsider" its proposal of March 6 to shut down four million tons of capacity in the industry during the present financial year, "in the light of the loss of output which has occurred as a result of the dispute and the changes in the needs of the market arising from the circumstances of the dispute".

The formula went on: "The Board will reconsider the proposals for the industry and revise the objectives for the individual areas. A new set of objectives will be prepared for each area to reflect the production possibilities available at the time the dispute ends".

But this is not enough for the NUM.

The NUM went on to say in the NUM formula "It does not withdraw the pit closure programme, its reference to 'the market' and to a new set of objectives is an indication that the Board will continue to pursue a closure programme".

Mr Scargill last night said on television that he was not optimistic about the chances of success in today's talks with the NCB. There would be "no compromise".

NUM members knew it was going to be a "long, hard and bitter battle", but at the end of the day they would save their pits and their jobs.

A senior Labour Party delegation is to meet the NUM leadership to ensure that money raised to alleviate hardship caused by the strike is not put at risk of sequestration by the courts.

Ethiopia losing the battle against starvation



Facing disaster: An Afar cattle herding family (left) whose cattle died looking for grass; and a dust storm, adds to the soil erosion contributing to Ethiopia's drought and famine. Photographs: Mark Edwards

Alomata, Ethiopia (AP) — Dr George Ngetire and seven other medical staff fight a daily battle to keep 100,000 people alive at this famine relief centre in northern Ethiopia. Every day they lose 90 to 100, mostly children.

The people who come here are victims of perhaps the greatest famine in Ethiopia's modern history, caused by a decade-long drought and complicated by two secessionist wars in the north.

Ethiopia's Marxist Government estimates the drought has affected life for 7.7 million people in this country of 33 million, forcing 2.2 million from their homes and threatening 5.5 million with starvation.

Every day hundreds more arrive at this recently established camp along the border of

Tigre and Wollo provinces. Last week, north-east of Alomata, Tigrean rebels claimed the capture of the town of Lalibela.

Reporters who visited the Alomata camp, north of the capital of Addis Ababa, found Dr Ngetire, one of the doctors, three nurses and three nutritionists working with 100,000 starving people. Further north, thousands more huddle at another emergency relief camp at Korem.

Dr Ngetire, a Kenyan, said at least half the victims were children. This day the doctor had turned away a group of mothers and their frail, emaciated babies — victims of pneumonia, scabies, relapsing fever and starvation.

"I'm sorry," he told them, speaking through an interpreter. He had no food or medicine for the new arrivals.

With more than 90,000 waiting outside the camp, he had supplies for only 3,000. "There is nothing I can do. I know your children need treatment. I have to treat them, but I have nothing to treat them with. Come back in five days."

As the interpreter translated into Amharic, Dr Ngetire held up the extended fingers of one hand to indicate five.

Those turned away would have to wait out in the open.

During the day, tropical sun pushes temperatures to 100 deg F. At night, at this elevation of 12,000 feet, temperatures fall to below 50 deg F. Most of the displaced people have thin, worn sheets and ragged clothing to keep themselves warm.

Those accepted inside the camp run by World Vision International must leave at night — even the 100 or so patients on intravenous drips. Ethiopian officials said they risked attack by the rebels if the patients remained inside the camp.

World Vision International, a US based interdenominational relief group, is the only agency at work at Alomata. At the Korem camp, Catholic relief services, Ethiopia's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission and other groups have had more time to organize relief efforts.

But even at Korem there was not enough food to go around. A reporter who visited Korem in March found 10,000 people going hungry. In late October there were up to 100,000.

About 80,000 people are

camped outside Makale, north of Korem. Relief agencies are feeding nearly 17,000 children daily, a French medical coordinator said. There were at least another 200,000 famine victims within a 200-mile radius of the camp, although all estimates are really guesses.

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British aid for famine victims

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film editors at Thames Television. After representations from Oxfam and the Save the Children Fund, they agreed to screen a TV Eye documentary entitled *Butter Harvest* about the famine in Ethiopia tonight as originally scheduled.

At today's talks in Brussels with officials from the European Commission, the Disasters Emergency Committee, which groups five British charities, will ask for funds to buy vehicles to transport food from Ethiopian ports across rugged terrain into the interior.

A spokesman for Christian Aid said that one of the main

problems confronting the relief agencies was the high cost and shortage of transport.

Pressure for increased aid has also come from the Ethiopian Government. Earlier this week Mr Ato Ayalew Wolde-Giorgis, the Ethiopian Ambassador in London, was told by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, that any such request would be treated sympathetically.

Mr Rifkind told Parliament on Monday that some 15,000 tons of what was on its way to Ethiopia — 10,000 tons from Oxfam, 4,000 tons from the Overseas Development Administration and 1,000 tons

from British farmers. During the current year, the British Government has contributed a total of 20,000 tons of wheat and the EEC some 100,000 tons.

Meanwhile, schoolchildren, shocked and upset by the film of starvation in Ethiopia yesterday, donated a ton of grain. It will come from Sheffield's Whirlow Hall farm, a charitable trust regularly used by city children for educational and therapeutic purposes.

After seeing the film, dozens of children contacted the farm asking that part of the harvest they helped to produce should be sent to help famine relief.

Frank Johnson on the campaign trail

Beef sandwiches and Huggy Bear

President Reagan, after his escape from serious injury when debating foreign affairs with Mr Mondale, took off from Kansas City in a westerly direction.

His deliverance on Sunday night had given him renewed confidence. His genial old head was as stuffed as ever with quips, sentimental anecdotes, half-remembered items from "Fancy That" or "Would Ya Believe It" columns of long ago that jointly constitute his personal research staff. And who could really prove that these sources are less reliable than the think tanks and task forces favoured by more orthodox, less successful politicians?

So it was a buoyant President who set out in Air Force one to ensure the victory which, after Sunday, seems ever more likely to be his. In the storage class aircraft pursuing him came a press. Our less genial heads were stuffed with advance extracts from the President's speeches, hot beef sandwiches, chocolate bars, McDonald's McMuffins and unlimited supplies of beer. They were out from Kansas City we were deposited in a desert in southern California.

The one building in sight was a vast hangar containing a B1 bomber and, more to the point, the several thousand voters who were building it. Mr Reagan descended, looked at the machine lovingly, and inserted early into his speech a cry of "What an airplane!"

A visit to a factory making a B1 bomber appeared to be for Mr Reagan a sentimental occasion comparable to a visit which a British Labour leader might make to a coalmine or a factory making wheelchairs.

Mr Reagan reminded his audience that Mr Mondale had been against the B1 bomber. Mission accomplished, he flew off to San Diego. We followed at a discreet distance. Thirty minutes, one beef sandwich and several beers later, we found ourselves amid the sun, palm trees and Spanish terraces of that city's seafront.

Mr Reagan was greeted on arrival with a blast from a ship's horn and, on departure, with fireworks especially designed for daylight.

Off he went northwards. For us, a further egg McMuffin, more beer.

We reached the chiller air

of Medford, Oregon, a small town set in a hollow among magnificently forested hills. A high school band blared wonderfully in operatic uniform.

Mr Reagan said, among other things, that Mr Mondale wanted it to be April 15th every day, but he favoured July 4th. The crowd roared. The chairman said that he would like Mr Reagan to receive a special hug from the Medford town mascot, known as Huggy Bear.

The bear appeared and hugged the President. A tremor doubtless went through the Secret Service. It is to be assumed that the bear was a human in disguise. Mr Reagan remained calm.

The crowd chanted: "Four more years, four more years." On to Portland, Oregon, and a short night's sleep. The following morning we were bussed to the University of Portland. The high school band blared wonderfully. Mr Reagan referred to Mr Mondale and April 15th. The crowd roared. Mr Reagan was beginning to like this line.

On to an ice hockey rink in Seattle, Washington. An even more wonderful band. Further balloons. April 15th contrasted with July 4th. A crowd roaring "Four more years, four more years."

Among the jaded press corps, it was more a matter of four more sneers or, once back on the aircraft four more beers. Those of us new to this all-encompassing Mr Reagan seemed popular among all ages and all classes.

Against such popularity, he has luck. At one point during the day came bad news about one of his most telling lines in Sunday's debate.

He had knocked Mr Mondale, for trying to give an impression of strength by being depicted aboard the aircraft carrier Nimitz. But, if Mr Mondale had had his way, he would have been standing in the sea, but there said Mr Reagan, because he had voted against the Nimitz.

Now word came that Mr Mondale had been standing aboard the Midway. Mr Reagan had not known that. More to the point, for purposes of rebuttal during the debate, neither had Mr Mondale.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh chairs the first meeting of the National Federation of Housing Associations inquiry into British housing: Buckingham Palace, 10.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, President, British Consultants Bureau attends a meeting at the RAF Club, Piccadilly, W1, 10.35.

The Duchess of Gloucester, patron, Counsel and Care for the Elderly, attends a reception at Christies, South Kensington, 6.30.

The Duke of Kent attends the British International Motor Show, Birmingham, 10.30; and later opens

the West Midlands Sports Centre for the Disabled at Coventry, 2.30.

Prince Michael of Kent visits RAF Farnborough, 10.15.

New exhibitions

International peace poster exhibition, Central Library, Wellingborough, 10.30 to 5.30 (from today until Nov 3).

Paintings and drawings by Peter Greenham: Victoria Art Gallery, Bridge St, Bath: Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 5, ends Nov 24.

Paintings and graphics by Emil Nolde: and prints, drawings and books by John Cage: Kettle's Yard Gallery, Northampton St, Cambridge, Tues to Sat 12.30 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30; both end Dec 2.

A Clue to History: portraits of writers from Shakespeare to Beckett: York City Art Gallery, Exhibition Sq: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5; ends Nov 18.

Four Rooms, Mapping Art Gallery, Weston Park, Sheffield: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; ends Nov 18.

Journeys in Morocco: watercolours and paintings by John Rogers: Oriol, the Welsh Arts Councils Gallery, 53 Charles St, Cardiff: Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30; ends Nov 17.

The Road to Wigan Pier, six student commissions: Impressions Gallery of Photography, 17 Colliery Way, York: Tues to Sat 10 to 6; ends Dec 1.

Small paintings and large monotypes by Stephen Buckley: Festival Gallery, Pierpoint Place, Bath: Tues to Sat 11 to 5; ends Nov 17.

Music

Recital by Linda Merrick (clarinet), Steven Page (piano) and Andrew Wilkinson (piano): Royal Exchange Theatre, St Ann's Sq, Manchester, 1.05.

Concert by the Edinburgh Quartet: Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, 6.45.

Concert by Richard May (cello) and the Warwickshire County Youth Orchestra: Royal Spa Centre, Leamington, 7.30.

Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra: Birmingham Town Hall, 7.30.

Piano recital by John Savory: Guildhall, Derby, 12.45.

Concert by the London Ensemble: St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, 1.

Talks, lectures

William Turner of Oxford (1789-1867), by Timothy Wilcox: Lecture Hall, amnition Schools, Oxford, 4.45.

Academic Follies by Prof Laurie Taylor: Bennett Lecture Theatre 1, Leicester University, 8.

One Man's Island, by Hamish Brown: Highland Hotel, Fort William, 7.30.

The Golden Age of Screen Comedies, by John Huntley: Lecture Theatre, Bolton Central Library, 7.30.

General

Antique Fair: Assembly Rooms, Bath: 11 to 8 daily. Sat 11 to 6; ends Oct 27.

Autumn Fair: Liverpool Parish Church, St Nicholas, Pier Head, 10.30 to 3.

New books — paperbacks

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

Dead Bodies, by Martin Amis (Penguin, £1.95)

Galathea Cove and Cinnamon, by Jorge Amado (Abacus, £3.95)

The Slow Train to Milan, by Lisa St Aubin de Teran (Penguin, £2.95)

NON-FICTION

On Inequality, by Jean-Jacques Rousseau, translated with an introduction and notes by Maurice Cranston (Penguin Classics, £1.95)

Music Through the Looking Glass, by Fritz Spiegel (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £3.95)

Papers from the Goncourt Journal, edited, translated and introduced by Robert Solodich (Penguin, £4.95)

Sorry, Dad, by Edward Blishen (Allison & Busby, £2.95)

The Penguin Book of Unlabeled, compiled and edited by E O Parrot (Penguin, £4.95)

Virgil's Aeneid, an Essay on Epic Narrative, by K W Gransden (Cambridge, £7.95)

Vita, The Life of Vita Sackville-West, by Victoria Glendinning (Penguin, £3.95)

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Weather forecast

A vigorous depression off the E coast of Scotland will move NE towards Norway; a strong NW flow will cover most areas.

6am to midnight

London, East Angles, E Midlands, E England: sunny periods, scattered showers; wind SW veering NW moderate or fresh; max temp 13C (55F).

SE, central S, SW England, W Midlands, S Wales: Showers, sunny intervals; wind NW fresh or strong; max temp 14C (57F).

Channel Islands: Rather cloudy, showers or longer periods of rain; wind veering NW moderate or fresh; max temp 13C (55F).

N Wales, NW, central N England, late of Mon, Northern Ireland: Showers, sunny intervals; wind NW fresh or strong, but pale at first; max temp 14C (57F).

Galles, District, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll: Rain, heavy at times; hill and coastal fog becoming brighter but showery later; wind NW strong, locally gale, perhaps severe gale, moderating later; max temp 12C (54F).

Orkney, Shetland: Rain, heavy at times; wind NE backing NW strong to gale; max temp 10C (50F).

Outlook: for tomorrow and Saturday: Sunny intervals and showers, drying out rain spreading to N and W later; windy at first; temperatures near or below normal.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind fresh or strong; showers; visibility mainly good; sea moderate or rough. Strait of Dover: Wind fresh or strong; visibility mainly good; sea very rough.

7.42 am Sun sets: 5.47 pm

6.40 am Moon sets: 6.21 pm

First quarter: October 31.

Lighting-up time

London 6.17 pm to 7.14 am
Belfast 6.18 pm to 7.25 am
Edinburgh 6.18 pm to 7.27 am
Manchester 6.18 pm to 7.27 am
Penzance 6.18 pm to 7.27 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: a chart; rain, rain, sun.

London 12.5
Belfast 12.5
Edinburgh 12.5
Manchester 12.5
Penzance 12.5

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Manchester, 16C (61F); lowest day temp: Amsterdam, 8C (46F); highest night temp: Glasgow, 10C (50F